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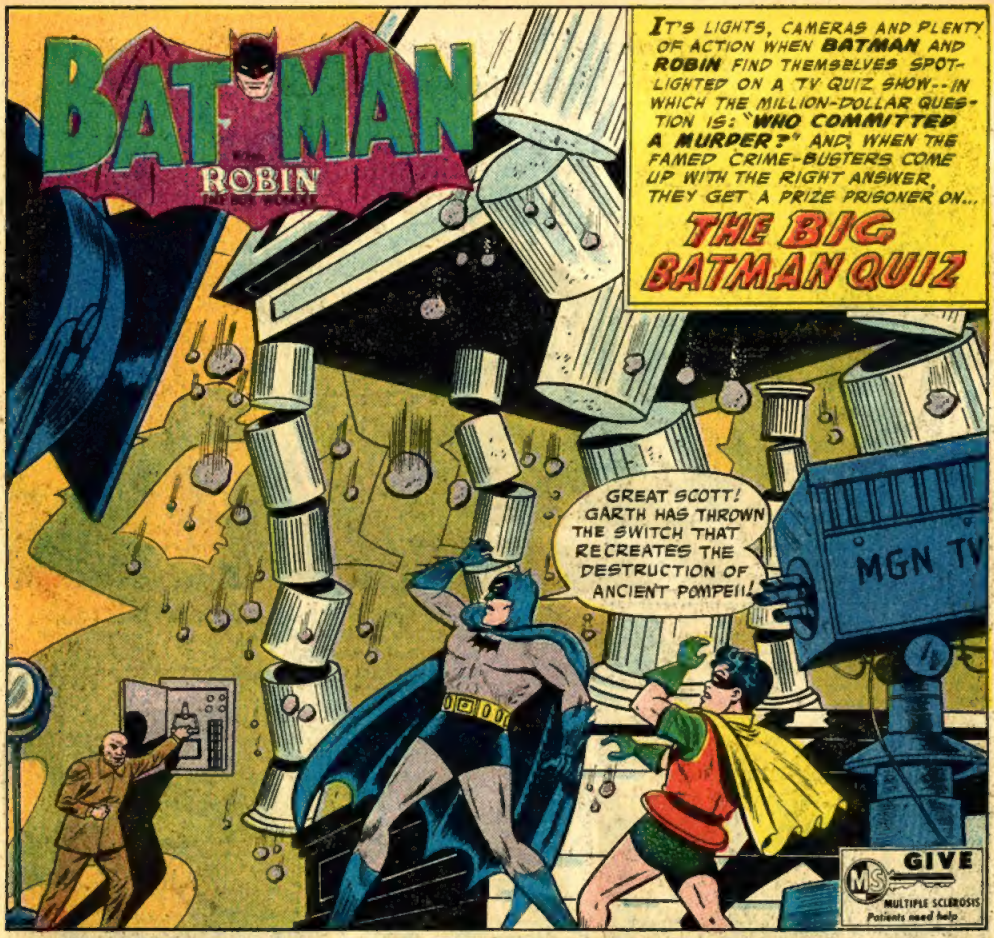

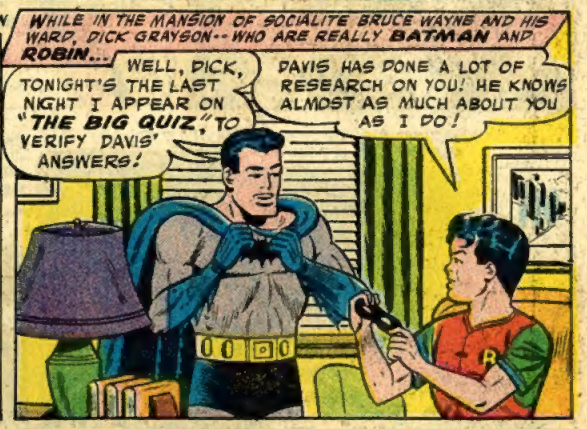

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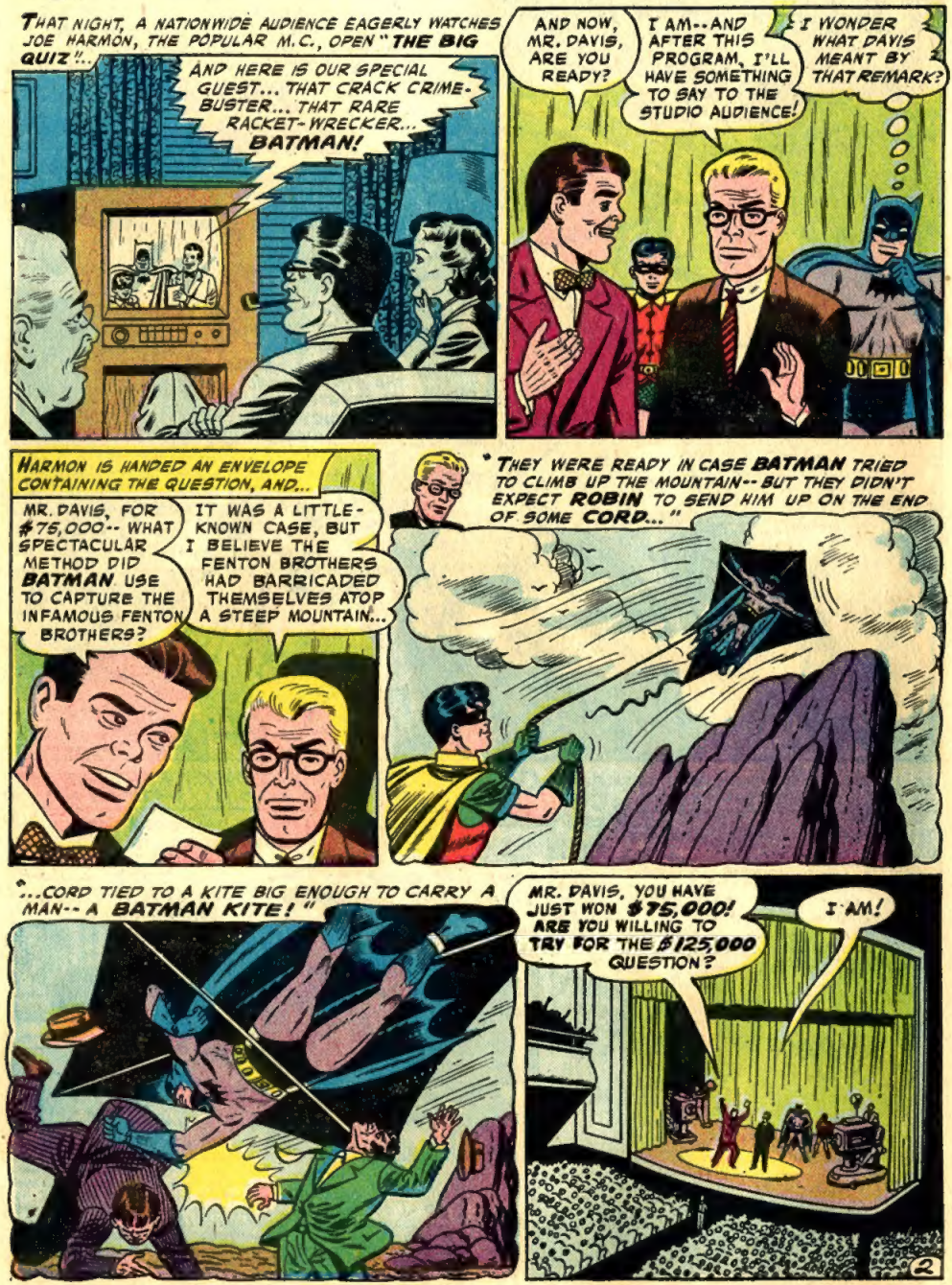
THAT NIGHT, A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE EAGERLY WATCHES JOE HARMON, THE POPULAR M.C., OPEN "THE BIG QUIZ"...
AND HERE IS OUR SPECIAL GUEST... THAT CRACK CRIME-BUSTER... THAT RARE RACKET-WRECKER... BATMAN!
AND NOW, MR. DAVIS, ARE YOU READY?
I AM--AND AFTER THIS PROGRAM, I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE STUDIO AUDIENCE!
I WONDER WHAT DAVIS MEANT BY THAT REMARK?
HARMON IS HANDED AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE QUESTION, AND...
MR. DAVIS, FOR $75,000-- WHAT SPECTACULAR METHOD DID BATMAN USE TO CAPTURE THE INFAMOUS FENTON BROTHERS?
IT WAS A LITTLE-KNOWN CASE, BUT I BELIEVE THE FENTON BROTHERS HAD BARRICADED THEMSELVES ATOP A STEEP MOUNTAIN...
"THEY WERE READY IN CASE BATMAN TRIED TO CLIMB UP THE MOUNTAIN-- BUT THEY DIDN'T EXPECT ROBIN TO SEND HIM UP ON THE END OF SOME CORD..."
"...CORD TIED TO A KITE BIG ENOUGH TO CARRY A MAN-- A BATMAN KITE!"
MR. DAVIS, YOU HAVE JUST WON $75,000! ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY FOR THE $125,000 QUESTION?
I AM!
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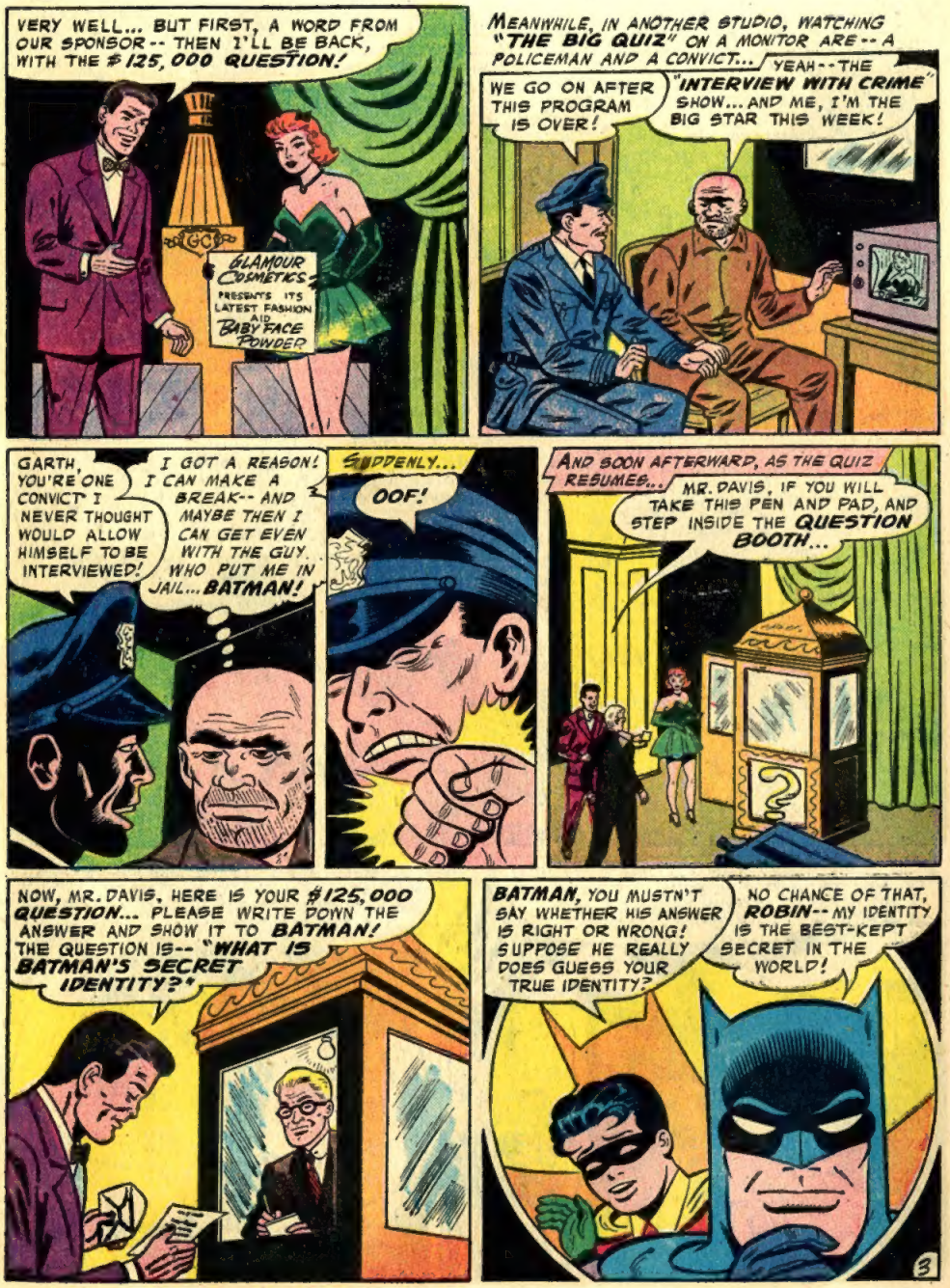
VERY WELL... BUT FIRST, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR -- THEN I'LL BE BACK, WITH THE $125,000 QUESTION!
GLAMOUR COSMETICS PRESENTS ITS LATEST FASHION AID BABY FACE POWDER
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER STUDIO, WATCHING "THE BIG QUIZ" ON A MONITOR ARE -- A POLICEMAN AND A CONVICT...
WE GO ON AFTER THIS PROGRAM IS OVER!
YEAH -- THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" SHOW... AND ME, I'M THE BIG STAR THIS WEEK!
GARTH, YOU'RE ONE CONVICT I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE INTERVIEWED!
I GOT A REASON! I CAN MAKE A BREAK -- AND MAYBE THEN I CAN GET EVEN WITH THE GUY WHO PUT ME IN JAIL... BATMAN!
SUDDENLY...
OOF!
AND SOON AFTERWARD, AS THE QUIZ RESUMES...
MR. DAVIS, IF YOU WILL TAKE THIS PEN AND PAD, AND STEP INSIDE THE QUESTION BOOTH...
NOW, MR. DAVIS, HERE IS YOUR $125,000 QUESTION... PLEASE WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER AND SHOW IT TO BATMAN! THE QUESTION IS -- "WHAT IS BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY?"
BATMAN, YOU MUSTN'T SAY WHETHER HIS ANSWER IS RIGHT OR WRONG! I SUPPOSE HE REALLY DOES GUESS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?
NO CHANCE OF THAT, ROBIN -- MY IDENTITY IS THE BEST-KEPT SECRET IN THE WORLD!
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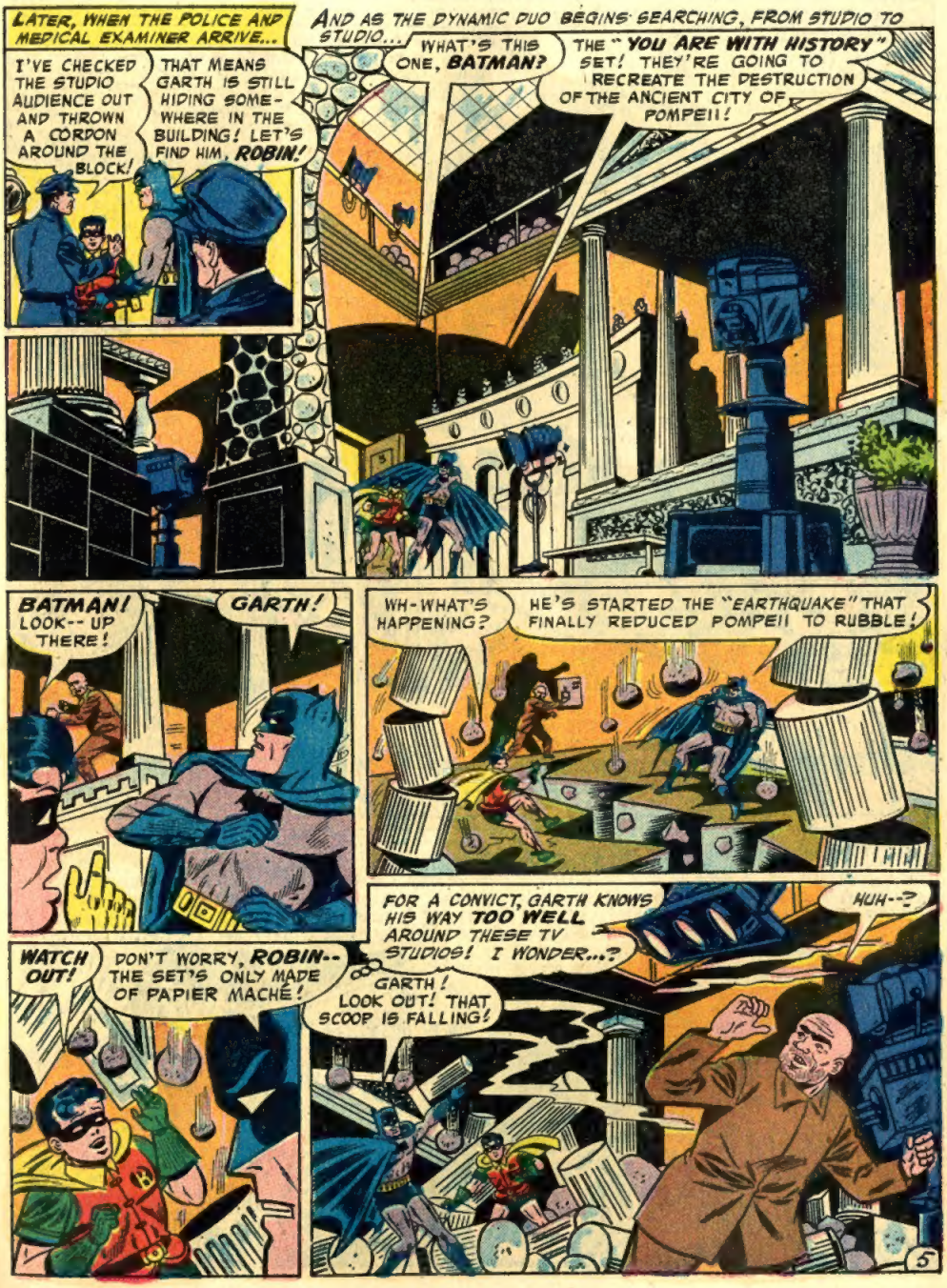
YET, STANDING BEFORE THE BOOTH TO SHIELD THE CONTESTANT'S ANSWER FROM THE CAMERAS, BATMAN GASPS, AS...
GREAT SCOTT! SOMEHOW FROM ALL THE RESEARCH THAT HE'S DONE ON MY CAREER, DAVIS HAS GUESSED THE TRUTH!... AND I'M FORCED TO CONFIRM IT!
Batman is Bruce Wayne
BUT AT THAT INSTANT...
LOOK! DAVIS HAS FAINTED! THE EXCITEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HIM!
STAND BACK, EVERYBODY! GIVE HIM AIR!
BUT BATMAN'S EXPERT INSPECTION SOON TELLS HIM THE TERRIBLE TRUTH...
HE'S DEAD.. POISONED! THIS IS THE MOST INCREDIBLE CRIME EVER COMMITTED... IN FRONT OF A TV AUDIENCE OF TEN MILLION PEOPLE, A MAN'S BEEN MURDERED!
AND BATMAN-- LOOK! THE PAD IS BLANK! SOMEONE STOLE THE TOP PAGE, ON WHICH DAVIS WROTE YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
JUST THEN...
BATMAN-- I WAS SLUGGED! GARTH MUST'VE HIT ME WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING! NOW HE'S GONE-- ESCAPED!
SO GARTH DID IT! HE MUST HAVE MURDERED DAVIS-- TO GET YOUR SECRET IDENTITY AND HOLD IT AS A THREAT OVER YOU!


LATER, WHEN THE POLICE AND MEDICAL EXAMINER ARRIVE...
I'VE CHECKED THE STUDIO AUDIENCE OUT AND THROWN A CORDON AROUND THE BLOCK!
THAT MEANS GARTH IS STILL HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING! LET'S FIND HIM, ROBIN!
AND AS THE DYNAMIC DUO BEGINS SEARCHING, FROM STUDIO TO STUDIO...
WHAT'S THIS ONE, BATMAN?
THE "YOU ARE WITH HISTORY" SET! THEY'RE GOING TO RECREATE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ANCIENT CITY OF POMPEII!
BATMAN! LOOK-- UP THERE!
GARTH!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HE'S STARTED THE "EARTHQUAKE" THAT FINALLY REDUCED POMPEII TO RUBBLE!
WATCH OUT!
DON'T WORRY, ROBIN-- THE SET'S ONLY MADE OF PAPIER MACHÉ!
FOR A CONVICT, GARTH KNOWS HIS WAY TOO WELL AROUND THESE TV STUDIOS! I WONDER...?
HUH--?
GARTH! LOOK OUT! THAT SCOOP IS FALLING!
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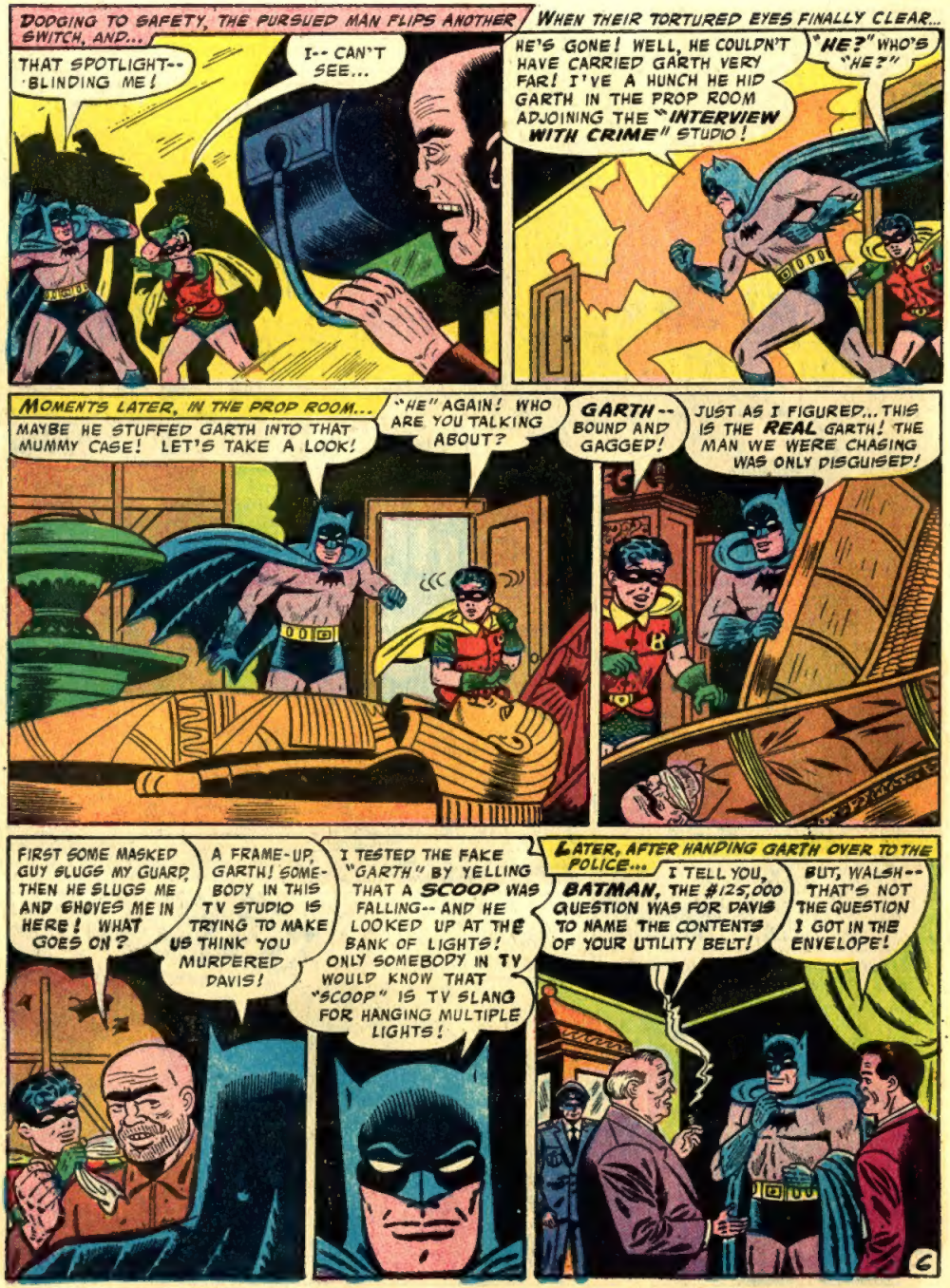
DODGING TO SAFETY, THE PURSUED MAN FLIPS ANOTHER SWITCH, AND...
THAT SPOTLIGHT-- BLINDING ME!
I-- CAN'T SEE...
WHEN THEIR TORTURED EYES FINALLY CLEAR...
HE'S GONE! WELL, HE COULDN'T HAVE CARRIED GARTH VERY FAR! I'VE A HUNCH HE HID GARTH IN THE PROP ROOM ADJOINING THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" STUDIO!
"HE?" WHO'S "HE?"
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE PROP ROOM...
MAYBE HE STUFFED GARTH INTO THAT MUMMY CASE! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
"HE" AGAIN! WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GARTH-- BOUND AND GAGGED!
JUST AS I FIGURED... THIS IS THE REAL GARTH! THE MAN WE WERE CHASING WAS ONLY DISGUISED!
FIRST SOME MASKED GUY SLUGS MY GUARD, THEN HE SLUGS ME AND SHOVES ME IN HERE! WHAT GOES ON?
A FRAME-UP, GARTH! SOMEBODY IN THIS TV STUDIO IS TRYING TO MAKE US THINK YOU MURDERED DAVIS!
I TESTED THE FAKE "GARTH" BY YELLING THAT A SCOOP WAS FALLING-- AND HE LOOKED UP AT THE BANK OF LIGHTS! ONLY SOMEBODY IN TV WOULD KNOW THAT "SCOOP" IS TV SLANG FOR HANGING MULTIPLE LIGHTS!
LATER, AFTER HANDING GARTH OVER TO THE POLICE...
I TELL YOU, BATMAN, THE $125,000 QUESTION WAS FOR DAVIS TO NAME THE CONTENTS OF YOUR UTILITY BELT!
BUT, WALSH-- THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION I GOT IN THE ENVELOPE!
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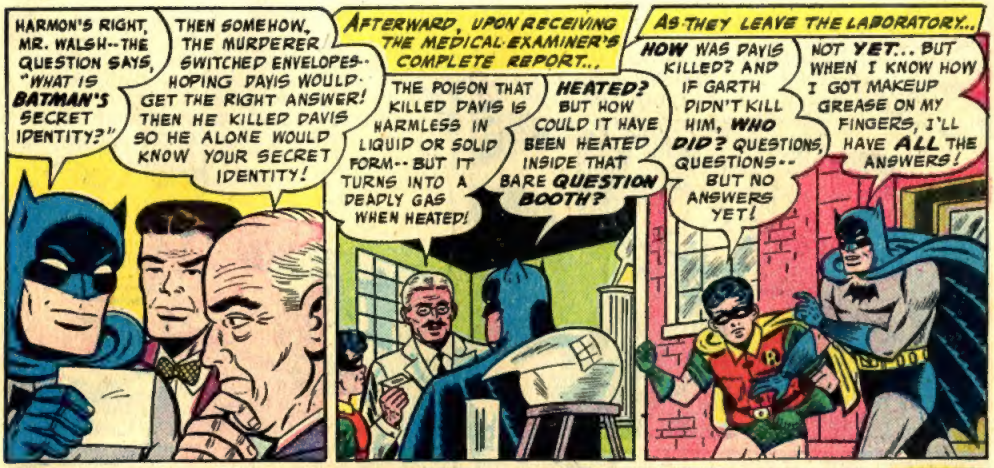
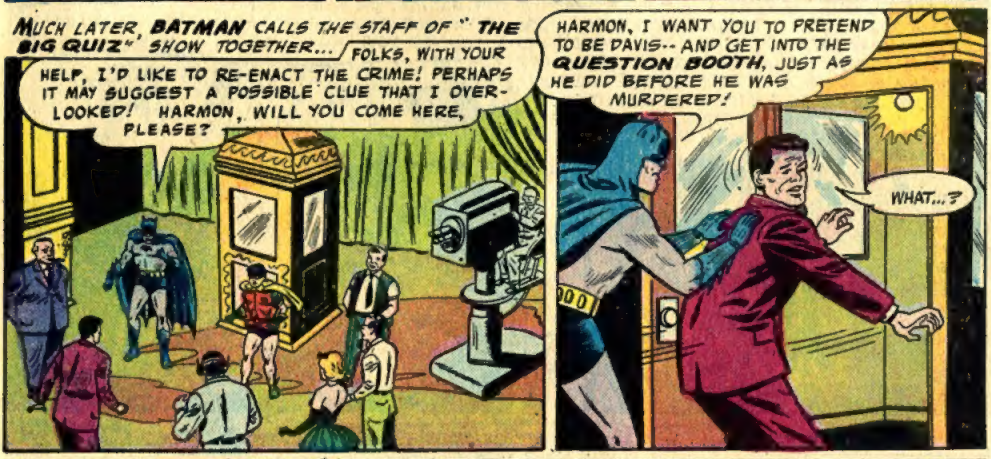
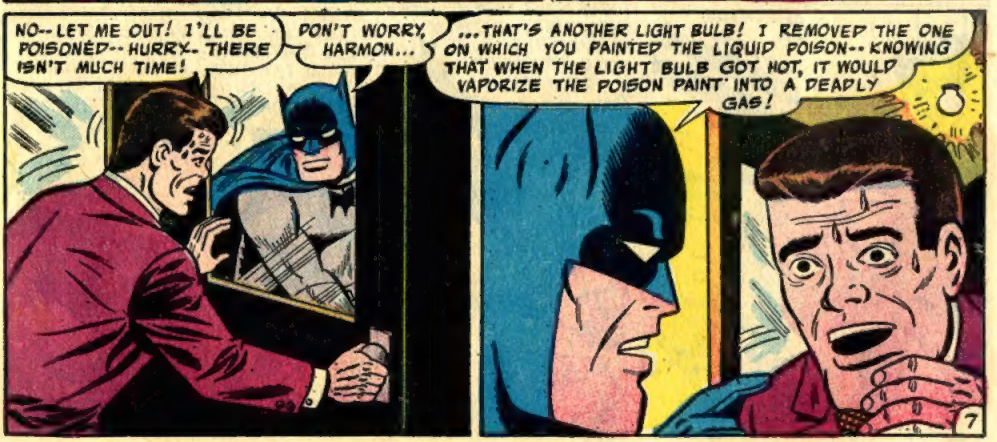
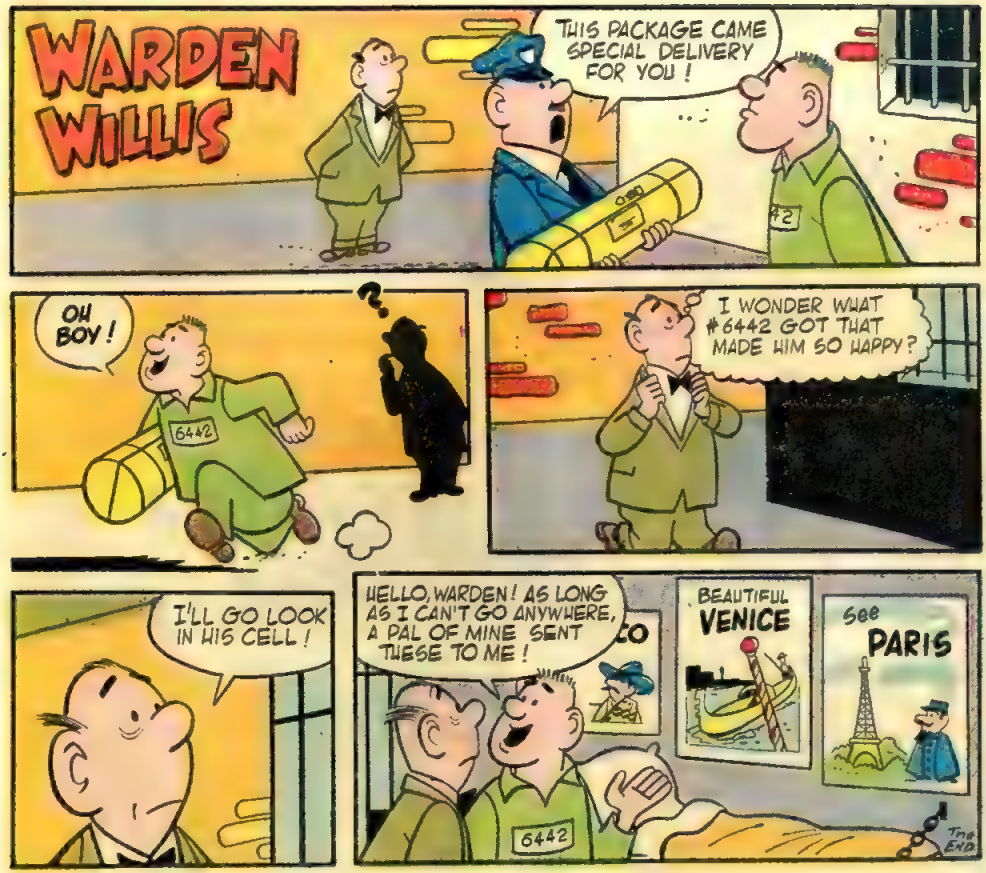

HARMON'S RIGHT, MR. WALSH--THE QUESTION SAYS, "WHAT IS BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY?"
THEN SOMEHOW, THE MURDERER SWITCHED ENVELOPES--HOPING DAVIS WOULD GET THE RIGHT ANSWER! THEN HE KILLED DAVIS SO HE ALONE WOULD KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
AFTERWARD, UPON RECEIVING THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S COMPLETE REPORT...
THE POISON THAT KILLED DAVIS IS HARMLESS IN LIQUID OR SOLID FORM--BUT IT TURNS INTO A DEADLY GAS WHEN HEATED!
HEATED? BUT HOW COULD IT HAVE BEEN HEATED INSIDE THAT BARE QUESTION BOOTH?
AS THEY LEAVE THE LABORATORY...
HOW WAS DAVIS KILLED? AND IF GARTH DIDN'T KILL HIM, WHO DID? QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS--BUT NO ANSWERS YET!
NOT YET... BUT WHEN I KNOW HOW I GOT MAKEUP GREASE ON MY FINGERS, I'LL HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS!


MUCH LATER, BATMAN CALLS THE STAFF OF "THE BIG QUIZ" SHOW TOGETHER...
FOLKS, WITH YOUR HELP, I'D LIKE TO RE-ENACT THE CRIME! PERHAPS IT MAY SUGGEST A POSSIBLE CLUE THAT I OVERLOOKED! HARMON, WILL YOU COME HERE, PLEASE?
HARMON, I WANT YOU TO PRETEND TO BE DAVIS--AND GET INTO THE QUESTION BOOTH, JUST AS HE DID BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED!
WHAT...?


NO--LET ME OUT! I'LL BE POISONED--HURRY--THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!
DON'T WORRY, HARMON...
...THAT'S ANOTHER LIGHT BULB! I REMOVED THE ONE ON WHICH YOU PAINTED THE LIQUID POISON--KNOWING THAT WHEN THE LIGHT BULB GOT HOT, IT WOULD VAPORIZE THE POISON PAINT INTO A DEADLY GAS!

HOW--HOW DID YOU GUESS IT WAS ME?
THERE WAS MAKEUP GREASE ON MY GLOVES--FROM THE ENVELOPE YOU HANDED ME... GREASE YOU GOT ON YOUR FINGERS WHILE REMOVING YOUR "GARTH" MAKEUP!
WHY DID YOU MURDER DAVIS? TALK!
LAST WEEK, I TOLD DAVIS IF HE'D SPLIT THE $125,000 PRIZE WITH ME, I'D GIVE HIM THE ANSWERS IN ADVANCE! HE REFUSED--AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO EXPOSE ME AFTER THE SHOW!
YOU KNEW GARTH WOULD BE ON THE "INTERVIEW WITH CRIME" SHOW, SO YOU PLANNED IN ADVANCE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE GARTH KILLED DAVIS TO LEARN MY SECRET IDENTITY!
YES... I SLUGGED GARTH AND THE POLICEMAN DURING THE COMMERCIAL--THEN I RETURNED AND PLANTED THE SECRET IDENTITY QUESTION TO ESTABLISH A "MOTIVE" FOR DAVIS' MURDER!
I PLANNED FOR EVERYTHING--INCLUDING THIS POSSIBLE EMERGENCY! GET BACK, BATMAN--YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME IN!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
HUH--? GUNFIRE!
BANG
THAT WASN'T GUNFIRE--IT WAS YOUR OWN SCHEME BACKFIRING! ROBIN FLIPPED THE LIGHT BULB YOU USED FOR MURDER!
AND SO, AWHILE LATER...
I'VE GOT A $125,000 QUESTION FOR YOU, BATMAN! "WHO STOLE THE PAGE WITH YOUR SECRET IDENTITY ON IT?"
NOBODY STOLE IT, ROBIN! IN LIQUID FORM, THAT PARTICULAR POISON IS USED IN BLEACHES! THE GAS SIMPLY BLEACHED THE WRITING, AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN IN VANISHING INK... SO MY SECRET IDENTITY IS STILL SAFE!
THE END



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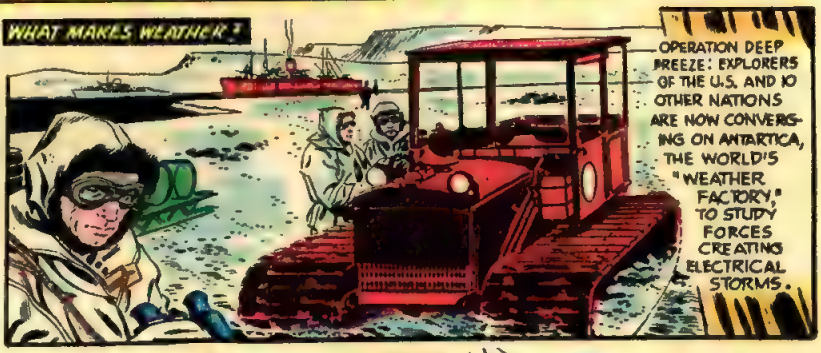

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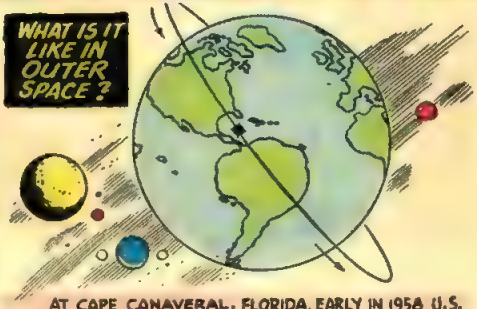
WHAT IS IT LIKE IN OUTER SPACE?



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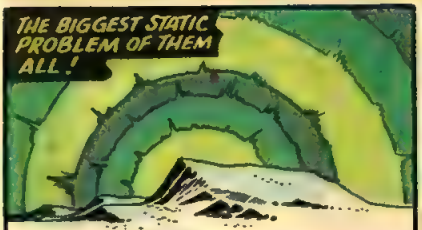
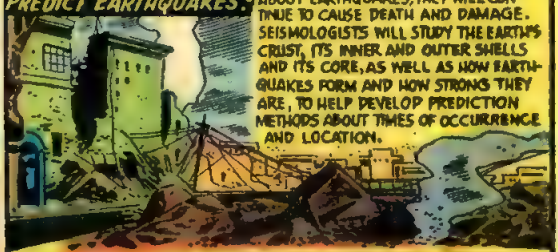


IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE AURORAS--BLAZING LIGHTS OVER THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES--HAVE MYSTERIOUS EFFECTS ON MAGNETIC COMPASSES, AND RADIO AND TV COMMUNICATION. AT SPECIAL OBSERVATION POSTS AT THE POLES, SCIENTISTS WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHY.

CAN WE LEARN TO PREDICT EARTHQUAKES?

AS LONG AS MAN KNOWS SO LITTLE ABOUT EARTHQUAKES, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE DEATH AND DAMAGE. SEISMOLOGISTS WILL STUDY THE EARTH'S CRUST, ITS INNER AND OUTER SHELLS AND ITS CORE, AS WELL AS HOW EARTHQUAKES FORM AND HOW STRONG THEY ARE, TO HELP DEVELOP PREDICTION METHODS ABOUT TIMES OF OCCURRENCE AND LOCATION.



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PRISONERS OF THE BAT-CAVE
WE CAN'T GET OUT... WE'RE TRAPPED IN OUR OWN HEAD-QUARTERS!
BUT WE MUST-- OR AN INNOCENT MAN WILL DIE!
TWO FACE
ONE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PAY A VISIT TO THE STATE PRISON'S DEATH HOUSE, AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF ONE OF ITS INMATES...
YOU GOTTA HELP ME, BATMAN! I DIDN'T KILL WINTERS, AND THEY'RE GOING TO EXECUTE ME FOR IT TONIGHT!
I'VE STUDIED YOUR CAREER, RODDY -- AND I BELIEVE YOU! YOU'VE NEVER COMMITTED SO MUCH AS A THEFT IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE! I'LL TALK TO THE GOVERNOR!
SOME TIME LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR...
WHAT CAN I SAY, BATMAN?... THE EVIDENCE IS CONCLUSIVE! THE MURDER WEAPON WITH JOHN RODDY'S THUMBPRINT -- THAT X-RAY PICTURE?... THE BEST I CAN DO IS A POSTPONEMENT OF EXECUTION TILL MIDNIGHT! THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL CO-OPERATE WITH YOU IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE!

SO SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
...AND THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO LEND BATMAN AND ROBIN ALL EVIDENCE USED AT THE TRIAL!
IT'LL TAKE TWO HOURS FOR US TO REACH THE D.A.'S OFFICE -- LEAVING VERY LITTLE TIME TO CRACK THE CASE... BUT WE MUST!
PRESENTLY...
HERE'S THE EVIDENCE--AND ALSO THIS PACKAGE I RECEIVED A FEW MINUTES AGO BY SPECIAL MESSENGER, SENT FOR YOU! LOOKS HOPELESS TO ME--BUT I WISH YOU LUCK!
THANKS, D.A.!
A LITTLE LATER, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...
WHEN DOCTOR WINTERS WAS KILLED, THE MURDERER ACCIDENTALLY THREW THE SWITCH ON HIS X-RAY MACHINE, AND TOOK THIS NEGATIVE OF HIS OWN HAND!
YES--SHOWING A PECULIAR RING ON THE INDEX FINGER OF THE RIGHT HAND... A RING STILL ON RODDY'S FINGER, SO TIGHT THAT HE CAN'T REMOVE IT!
SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT! THE GENERATOR THAT GOVERNS THE NEW TIME LOCK WE PUT ON BOTH DOORS... IT--IT FAILED! UNLESS A STRONG CURRENT RUNS THROUGH THE KEY WHEN IT TURNS, THE DOOR WON'T OPEN!
R-R-R-R
P-T-T-T
WE CAN RECHARGE IT--AND WHEN THE CURRENT IS STRONG ENOUGH, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT!
YES--BUT THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR HOURS! WE'LL GET OUT AFTER RODDY IS EXECUTED!
I'LL PHONE THE GOVERNOR--TELL HIM WHAT'S HAPPENED! HE MUST GRANT ANOTHER DELAY!
BATMAN! LOOK-OUT! THAT PACKAGE A BOOBY-TRAP, BURSTING INTO FLAMES!
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MUST BE A FIRE BOMB! IN A FEW SECONDS, THE HEAT WILL BE SO INTENSE, NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE US! QUICK, ROBIN-- HOIST ME UP ON THAT PULLEY!
NEXT INSTANT...
SWING ME RIGHT OVER THAT BUST OF TWO-FACE... I CAN GET A GRIP ON THE EARS! I--I JUST HOPE I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT IT, WITH YOUR HELP!
AND WHILE THE DEADLY FLAMES GROW HIGHER AND HOTTER...
ROBIN-- LOWER! I--I CAN STAND THE HEAT... I HAVE TO! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT THE HOLLOW BUST WILL SNUFF OUT THE FLAME, BY CUTTING OFF THE OXYGEN!
LOWER,
TENSE MOMENTS FOLLOW AS THE FLAMES DIE DOWN INSIDE THE GLASS BUST-- THEIR HEAT WARPING IT TO EVEN STRANGER EXPRESSIONS...
NOW, IF ONLY THE OXYGEN GIVES OUT BEFORE THE GLASS MELTS COMPLETELY-- WE'RE SAVED!
MINUTES LATER...
THAT PRACTICALLY PROVES RODDY'S INNOCENT! THE REAL MURDERER, HEARING OVER THE RADIO THAT WE WERE GETTING THE EVIDENCE, SENT THAT BOMB TO DESTROY US!
WHEN THE GOVERNOR HEARS... OH, NO! BATMAN-- LOOK!
OUR PHONE AND RADIO TRANSMITTER-- DESTROYED BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FLAMES! WE--WE'RE ISOLATED FROM THE OUTER WORLD! INNOCENT OR GUILTY, RODDY IS DOOMED NOW!
IT LOOKS BAD, ROBIN-- BUT WE STILL HAVE ONE SLIM CHANCE...

WE MUST FIND THE IDENTITY OF THE REAL MURDERER, USING ONLY OUR BRAINS, OUR FILES, AND THE CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS WE HAVE HERE! AFTERWARD-- WELL... MAYBE ONE OF US WILL GET AN INSPIRATION ABOUT THAT LOCK!

WE'LL START BY ASSUMING THAT RODDY IS INNOCENT-- BUT SOMEONE FRAMED HIM BY GETTING HIS THUMBPRINT ON THE MURDER WEAPON! IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M SURE WE CAN FIND OUT! LOOK AT THE SCREEN AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN...

"WHEN A GUN IS HELD NATURALLY, THE THUMBPRINT ENDS THE SAME NUMBER OF INCHES FROM THE BUTT AS THE LENGTH OF THE MAN'S THUMB."

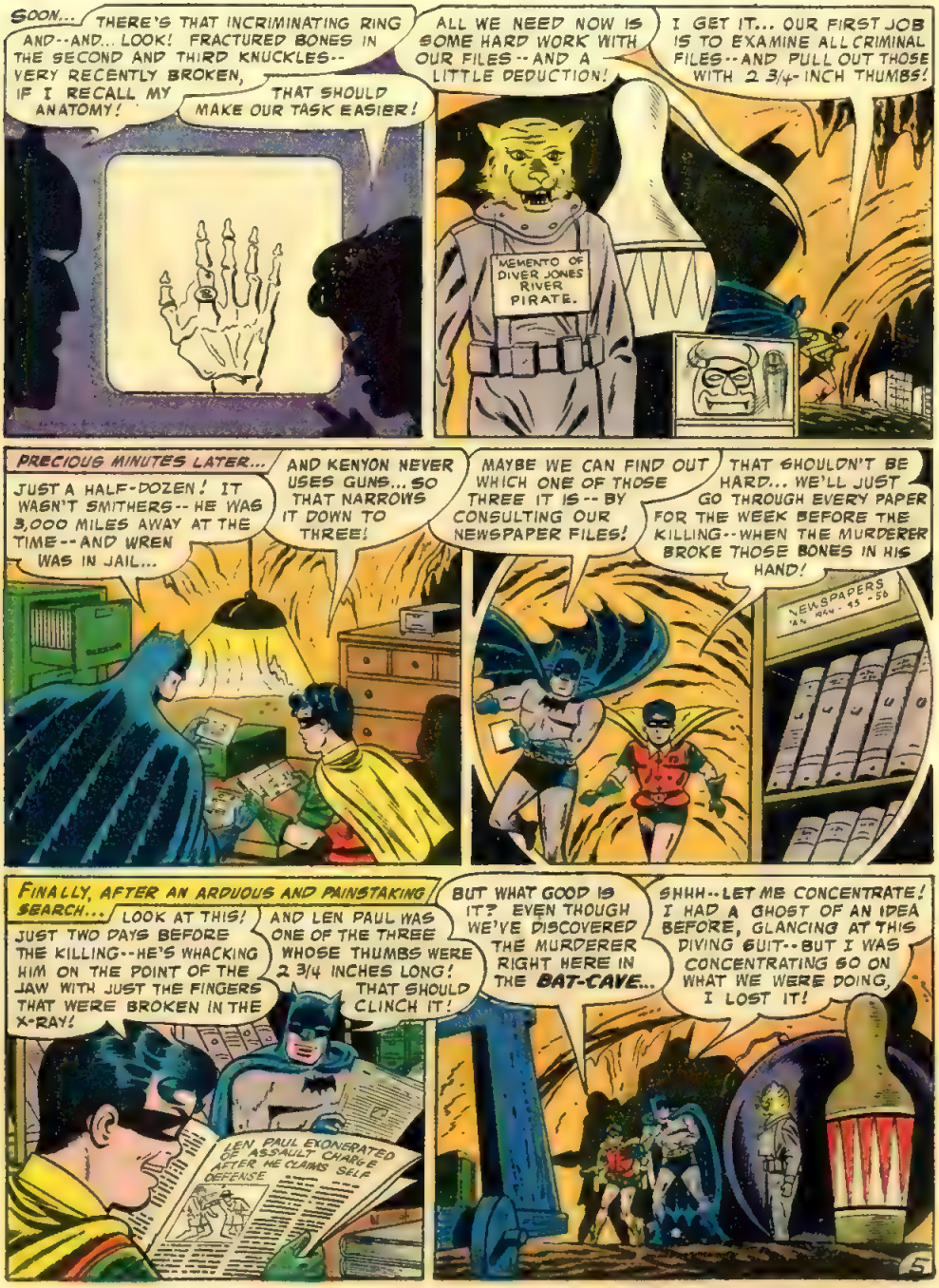
LET'S SEE, NOW... THE MAN WHO FIRED THIS GUN HAD A THUMB TWO AND 3/4 INCHES LONG-- ***UNUSUALLY*** LONG!

THAT'S TERRIFIC! I JUST LOOKED UP RODDY'S RECORD... HIS THUMB IS BARELY TWO INCHES LONG! HE ***WAS*** FRAMED!

AND THIS IS HOW IT WAS DONE! THE KILLER GOT AN IMPRESSION OF RODDY'S THUMB, TRANSFERRED IT TO A ***RUBBER FINGER*** LIKE THIS--AND WORE IT WHEN HE DID THE KILLING, NOT THINKING THAT HIS OWN THUMB WAS LONGER THAN RODDY'S!

NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PUT A ***FACE*** TO THAT THUMB--AND THEN WORRY ABOUT GETTING OUT OF HERE, IMPOSSIBLE AS IT SEEMS! I'LL PROJECT AN ENLARGEMENT OF THAT X-RAY-- AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND THERE!

HMM-- THAT DIVING SUIT... SEEMS TO SUGGEST SOMETHING, BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT! WELL-- MAYBE IT'LL COME TO ME LATER!


SOON...
THERE'S THAT INCRIMINATING RING AND--AND... LOOK! FRACTURED BONES IN THE SECOND AND THIRD KNUCKLES--VERY RECENTLY BROKEN, IF I RECALL MY ANATOMY!
THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR TASK EASIER!
ALL WE NEED NOW IS SOME HARD WORK WITH OUR FILES--AND A LITTLE DEDUCTION!
I GET IT... OUR FIRST JOB IS TO EXAMINE ALL CRIMINAL FILES--AND PULL OUT THOSE WITH 2 3/4-INCH THUMBS!
MEMENTO OF DIVER JONES RIVER PIRATE.
PRECIOUS MINUTES LATER...
JUST A HALF-DOZEN! IT WASN'T SMITHERS--HE WAS 3,000 MILES AWAY AT THE TIME--AND WREN WAS IN JAIL...
AND KENYON NEVER USES GUNS... SO THAT NARROWS IT DOWN TO THREE!
MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF THOSE THREE IT IS--BY CONSULTING OUR NEWSPAPER FILES!
THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD... WE'LL JUST GO THROUGH EVERY PAPER FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE KILLING--WHEN THE MURDERER BROKE THOSE BONES IN HIS HAND!
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FINALLY, AFTER AN ARDUOUS AND PAINSTAKING SEARCH...
LOOK AT THIS! JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE KILLING--HE'S WHACKING HIM ON THE POINT OF THE JAW WITH JUST THE FINGERS THAT WERE BROKEN IN THE X-RAY!
AND LEN PAUL WAS ONE OF THE THREE WHOSE THUMBS WERE 2 3/4 INCHES LONG! THAT SHOULD CLINCH IT!
LEN PAUL EXONERATED OF ASSAULT CHARGE AFTER HE CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE
BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT? EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DISCOVERED THE MURDERER RIGHT HERE IN THE BAT-CAVE...
SHHH--LET ME CONCENTRATE! I HAD A GHOST OF AN IDEA BEFORE, GLANCING AT THIS DIVING SUIT--BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING SO ON WHAT WE WERE DOING, I LOST IT!

HMM...DIVING SUIT... WATER...PRESSURE... NO, NOT THAT! HELMET-- RUBBER... OF COURSE! THAT'S IT! TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS, ROBIN-- THE MASTER SWITCH! THEN-- TIE BARE WIRES TO EVERY OUTLET AND SOCKET!
MEMENTO OF DIVER JONES RIVER PIRATE
AS ROBIN FOLLOWS BATMAN'S INSTRUCTIONS...
FINE! NOW CONNECT ALL THE LOOSE ENDS TO ANOTHER WIRE-- WHICH YOU'LL WRAP AROUND THE KEY... THEN PUT THE MASTER SWITCH BACK ON!
I--I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT... BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS?
MAYBE... BUT AN INNOCENT MAN'S LIFE IS AT STAKE! WE CAN JUST HOPE THAT THE INSULATION PROVIDED BY THIS RUBBER DIVING SUIT IS HEAVY ENOUGH TO PREVENT MY GETTING A SHOCK! THE AUTOMATIC MECHANISM USUALLY TURNS THE KEY WITH A POWERFUL CURRENT OF ELECTRICITY...
... BUT NOW, I'LL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MECHANISM-- AND HOPE THOSE SOCKETS, TOGETHER, CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH ELECTRICITY!
IT--IT'S WORKING! I HEARD THE LOCK TURN!
CLICK
AND SO, AFTER A FURIOUS TRIP, AT BREAKNECK SPEED, TO THE REAL KILLER'S HIDEOUT...
TEN MINUTES TO GO-- AND NO WORD YET FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THEY'LL HEAR FROM US SOON ENOUGH!
THUS, IN THE DAWN HOURS OF AN EXCITING NIGHT...
THAT X-RAY OF PAUL'S HAND JUST CAME THROUGH--SHOWING A HEALED FRACTURE JUST WHERE THE FRACTURE WAS ON THE ORIGINAL X-RAY! AMAZING WORK, BATMAN!
NOTHING TO IT, GOVERNOR! WE JUST--ER--FOUND A QUIET PLACE WHERE WE COULD CONCENTRATE, AND... UH... LOCKED OURSELVES UP WITH OUR THOUGHTS!
THE END.

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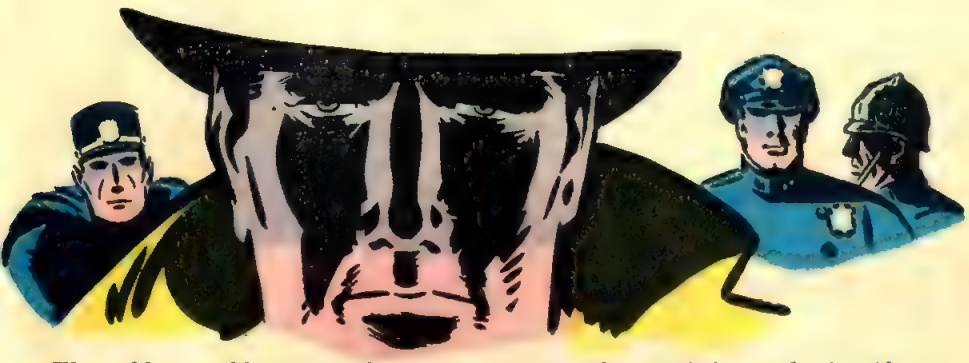


They Never Have to Use a Gun, but These Unique Detectives Always Get Their Man and the Missing Money

"HELLO there, stranger. I noticed in the hotel register that you're from Texas. I'm from Houston myself."

The big, beefy man with the bushy eyebrows glanced up from his newspaper in the lobby and glowered suspiciously at the well-groomed fellow addressing him.

"So what?" he grunted, by way of reply.

"So I reckoned we two Texans, so far away from home up here in New York, ought to get acquainted. May I buy you a cup of coffee in the restaurant?" asked the stranger with a disarming smile.

"Well, I'm pretty busy. Expecting a business appointment—"

"Shucks, you'll only be a few minutes," the personable young man said. "It's been a mite lonely here, and seeing as how you're a Texan—"

"Okay-okay, let's have that cup of coffee," said the heavy-set man, yielding to the stranger's persistence.

After the coffee, the stranger insisted that the burly man help him choose some gifts in the lounge's shops to bring back home to Houston. Just when they were ready to part finally, another man, accompanied by two policemen, hurried up.

"You're under arrest," said one of the officers to the heavy-set man. "Better come quietly. We don't want any disturbance in the lobby. There's a squad car outside."

"Say, what's going on here?" he asked, angrily. Then, swiveling on his personable young acquaintance, he added: "Who are you? What kind of a frame-up is this?

"No frame-up at all. I'm an agent of the American Express Company, and my partner and I finally caught up with you. You've been passing forged Travelers Cheques for months."

"So you're a detective, huh? Why didn't you arrest me?"

"Because we're not empowered to. Neither are we armed. That's why I faked being a Texan and kept you occupied until my partner located the police."

This is typical of how those unusual international sleuths of the Inspector's Department of the American Express Company work. Cornering confidence men, foiling forgers, and outwitting counterfeiters is their purpose. For travelers' checks, a form of travel money purchased at any bank or Amer-

ican Express office in this country, and redeemed anywhere in the world merely by having the possessor endorse the draft, lure all sorts of criminals.

In the main, however, their job is to track down stolen checks, and recover them for their clients while assisting the police in apprehending the thieves. Since their clients travel all over the globe, American Express agents naturally cooperate with Interpol (International Police Commission), Scotland Yard, and the French Surete, as well as with law enforcement bodies of every nation in the world.

The U. S. Secret Service, as well as the F. B. I., also work hand in glove with the American Express. As a result, not only have counterfeit rings that specialized in checks and bogus money been smashed, but notorious and elusive criminals have been caught.

While the abrupt appearance of fake checks and the sudden disappearance of legitimate checks absorb most of the attention of the Inspector's Department, one of the principal jobs also deals with destroyed checks. A playful pup chews them up, a maid disposes of them in the garbage, someone throws them into the fire for kindling—all these, and more, occur every day. Yet it's only a matter of routine to have duplicates restored. The request, including such data as date and place of purchase and the checks' serial numbers, is honored, and either a refund in cash or additional checks are immediately issued.

These ordinary, routine jobs are sometimes enlivened by mystery. American Express Inspector's Department agents still cherish the incident that involved a popular motion picture star. While making a personal appearance tour, in conjunction with his latest movie, he exchanged a sizeable sum of cash for checks. Report of their loss immediately brought an operative to the scene.

Diligently, he set about to work, tracing the various offices where the checks had been bought. After trekking through half the country, he was able to account for a good part of them. But then he ran into a stone wall—until he came across a purchase order. What mystified him was the fact that while the handwriting was the same as the actor's, the name was different.

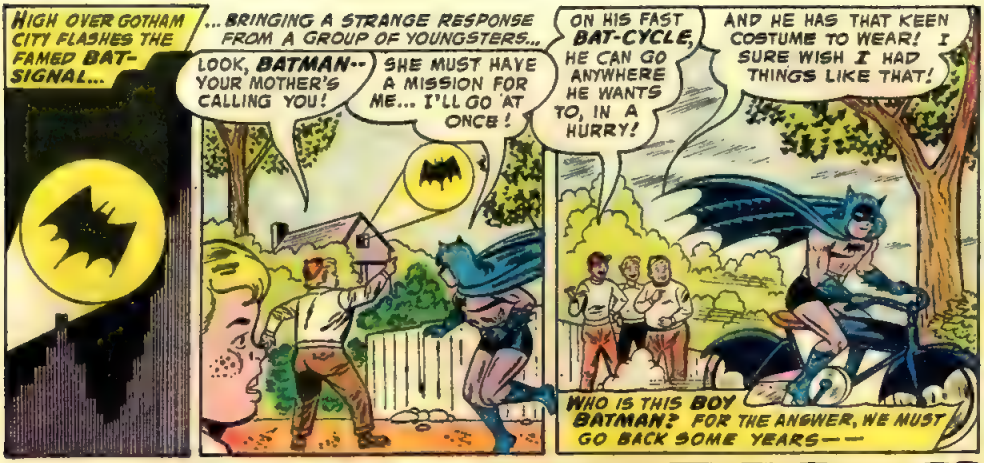
He pondered the problem for awhile, and then, suddenly, from the far reaches of his memory, came the clue. He contacted the actor immediately by phone to confirm his suspicion. Yes, it was true. The case was solved. The actor, in a moment of forgetfulness, had signed his *real* name instead of the pseudonym by which he had gained his movie fame!

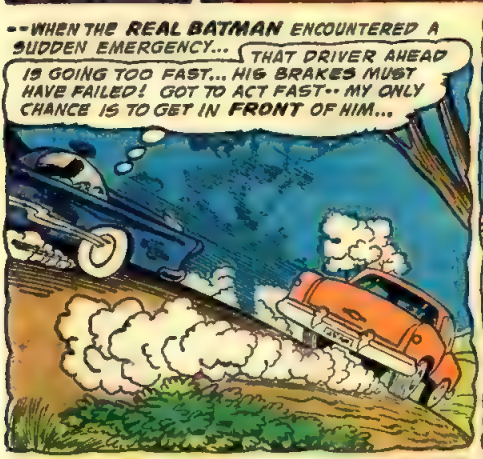
Tenacity and timeliness are two of the key words which make up the character of the operative. Every cashed check is verified at American Express's Manhattan office. When laboratory technicians spotted a host of phonies, detectives were immediately assigned to rout the counterfeiters. Little did they realize how extensive a trail they would have to travel before they could nab their men.

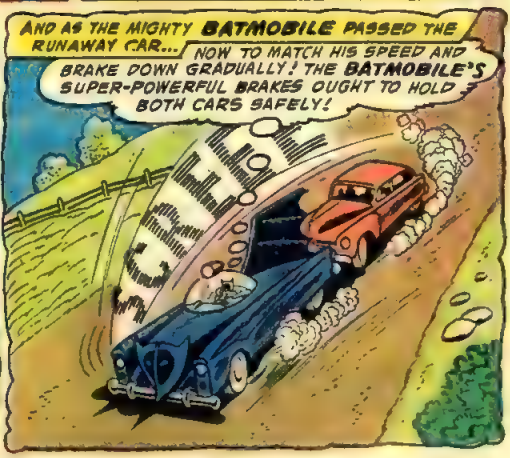
Agents from the company's entire network cooperated. Somewhere, someone—possibly a gang—was printing illicit Travelers Cheques and foisting them on innocent tourists. From Paris, the search led to Rome, then to Algiers. Back to Europe went the detectives, this time to Barcelona, then over to London. When the gang was finally rounded up, some three years later, almost every country in Europe, Africa and the British Isles had been thoroughly investigated. Of the hundreds of suspects, 60 were arrested, stood trial, and were convicted. Today, they are still imprisoned in jails in France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Holland, the United States, Luxembourg, Spain, and Italy.

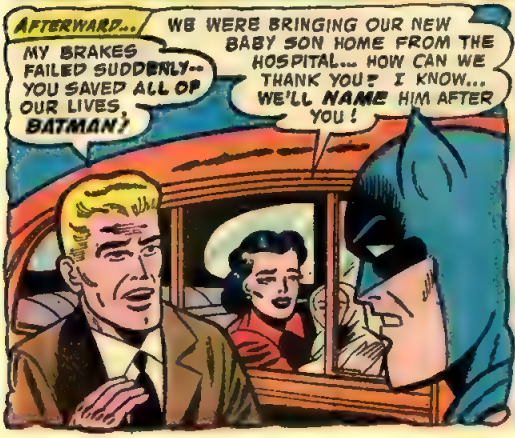
If "money talks," as the expression goes, the most damaging witnesses against these criminals were their own counterfeit checks. They put them behind bars.

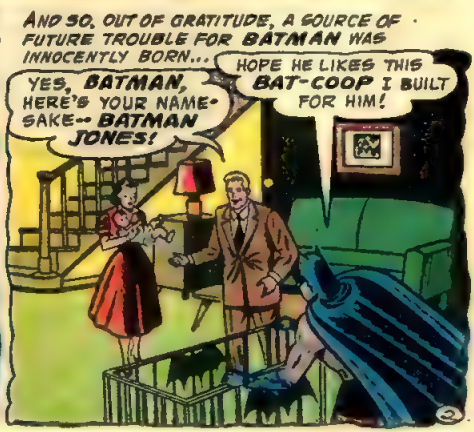
BATMAN
WITH ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
"THERE'S ONLY ONE BATMAN!" THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID ADMIRINGLY OF THE GREAT CAPED LAWMAN! BUT IT'S NO LONGER TRUE-- FOR NOW THERE IS ANOTHER BATMAN, ONE WHO CAN RIGHTFULLY CALL HIMSELF BY THAT NAME! AND THE FAMED CRIME-BUSTERS FIND ONE OF THEIR TOUGHEST PROBLEMS, WHEN THEY WITNESS...
THE CAREER OF BATMAN JONES
CLICK!
I CAN STOP THIS MECHANICAL CLOWN EASILY, BATMAN-- BY HURLING YOUR BATARANG AT ITS REAR CONTROL-PANEL!
AMAZING... EXACTLY HOW I WOULD'VE DONE IT!

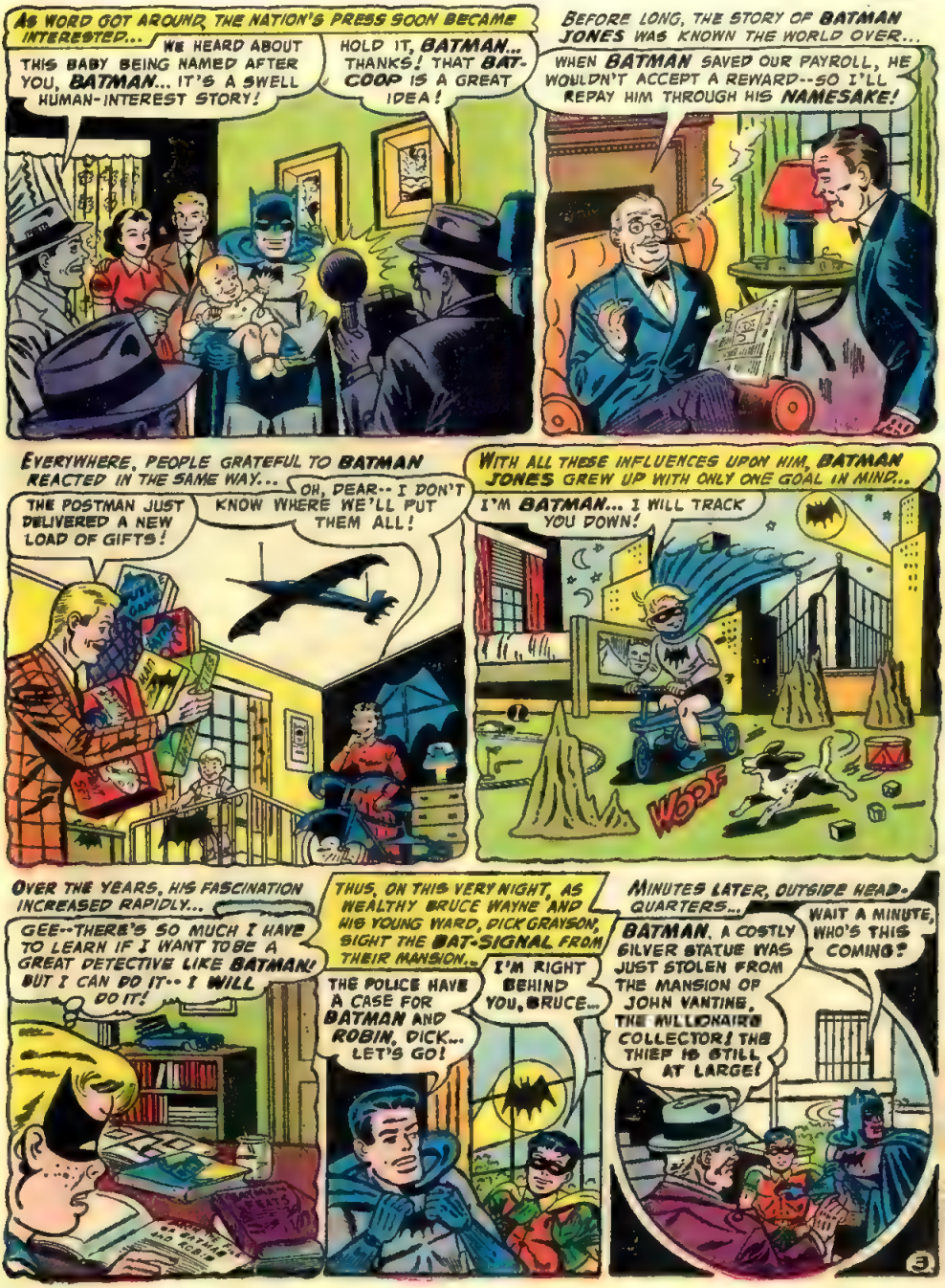

HIGH OVER GOTHAM CITY FLASHES THE FAMED BAT-SIGNAL...
...BRINGING A STRANGE RESPONSE FROM A GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS...
LOOK, BATMAN-- YOUR MOTHER'S CALLING YOU!
SHE MUST HAVE A MISSION FOR ME... I'LL GO AT ONCE!
ON HIS FAST BAT-CYCLE, HE CAN GO ANYWHERE HE WANTS TO, IN A HURRY!
AND HE HAS THAT KEEN COSTUME TO WEAR! I SURE WISH I HAD THINGS LIKE THAT!
WHO IS THIS BOY BATMAN? FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST GO BACK SOME YEARS--


--WHEN THE REAL BATMAN ENCOUNTERED A SUDDEN EMERGENCY...
THAT DRIVER AHEAD IS GOING TOO FAST... HIS BRAKES MUST HAVE FAILED! GOT TO ACT FAST-- MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO GET IN FRONT OF HIM...


AND AS THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE PASSED THE RUNAWAY CAR...
NOW TO MATCH HIS SPEED AND BRAKE DOWN GRADUALLY! THE BATMOBILE'S SUPER-POWERFUL BRAKES OUGHT TO HOLD BOTH CARS SAFELY!
CRASH


AFTERWARD...
MY BRAKES FAILED SUDDENLY-- YOU SAVED ALL OF OUR LIVES, BATMAN!
WE WERE BRINGING OUR NEW BABY SON HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL... HOW CAN WE THANK YOU? I KNOW... WE'LL NAME HIM AFTER YOU!


AND SO, OUT OF GRATITUDE, A SOURCE OF FUTURE TROUBLE FOR BATMAN WAS INNOCENTLY BORN...
YES, BATMAN, HERE'S YOUR NAME-SAKE-- BATMAN JONES!
HOPE HE LIKES THIS BAT-COOP I BUILT FOR HIM!


AS WORD GOT AROUND, THE NATION'S PRESS SOON BECAME INTERESTED...
WE HEARD ABOUT THIS BABY BEING NAMED AFTER YOU, BATMAN... IT'S A SWELL HUMAN-INTEREST STORY!
HOLD IT, BATMAN... THANKS! THAT BAT-COOP IS A GREAT IDEA!
BEFORE LONG, THE STORY OF BATMAN JONES WAS KNOWN THE WORLD OVER...
WHEN BATMAN SAVED OUR PAYROLL, HE WOULDN'T ACCEPT A REWARD--SO I'LL REPAY HIM THROUGH HIS NAMESAKE!
EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE GRATEFUL TO BATMAN REACTED IN THE SAME WAY...
THE POSTMAN JUST DELIVERED A NEW LOAD OF GIFTS!
OH, DEAR-- I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'LL PUT THEM ALL!
WITH ALL THESE INFLUENCES UPON HIM, BATMAN JONES GREW UP WITH ONLY ONE GOAL IN MIND...
I'M BATMAN... I WILL TRACK YOU DOWN!
WOOF
OVER THE YEARS, HIS FASCINATION INCREASED RAPIDLY...
GEE--THERE'S SO MUCH I HAVE TO LEARN IF I WANT TO BE A GREAT DETECTIVE LIKE BATMAN! BUT I CAN DO IT-- I WILL DO IT!
THUS, ON THIS VERY NIGHT, AS WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, SIGHT THE BAT-SIGNAL FROM THEIR MANSION...
THE POLICE HAVE A CASE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN, DICK... LET'S GO!
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BRUCE...
MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS...
BATMAN, A COSTLY SILVER STATUE WAS JUST STOLEN FROM THE MANSION OF JOHN VANTINE, THE MILLIONAIRE COLLECTOR! THE THIEF IS STILL AT LARGE!
WAIT A MINUTE, WHO'S THIS COMING?
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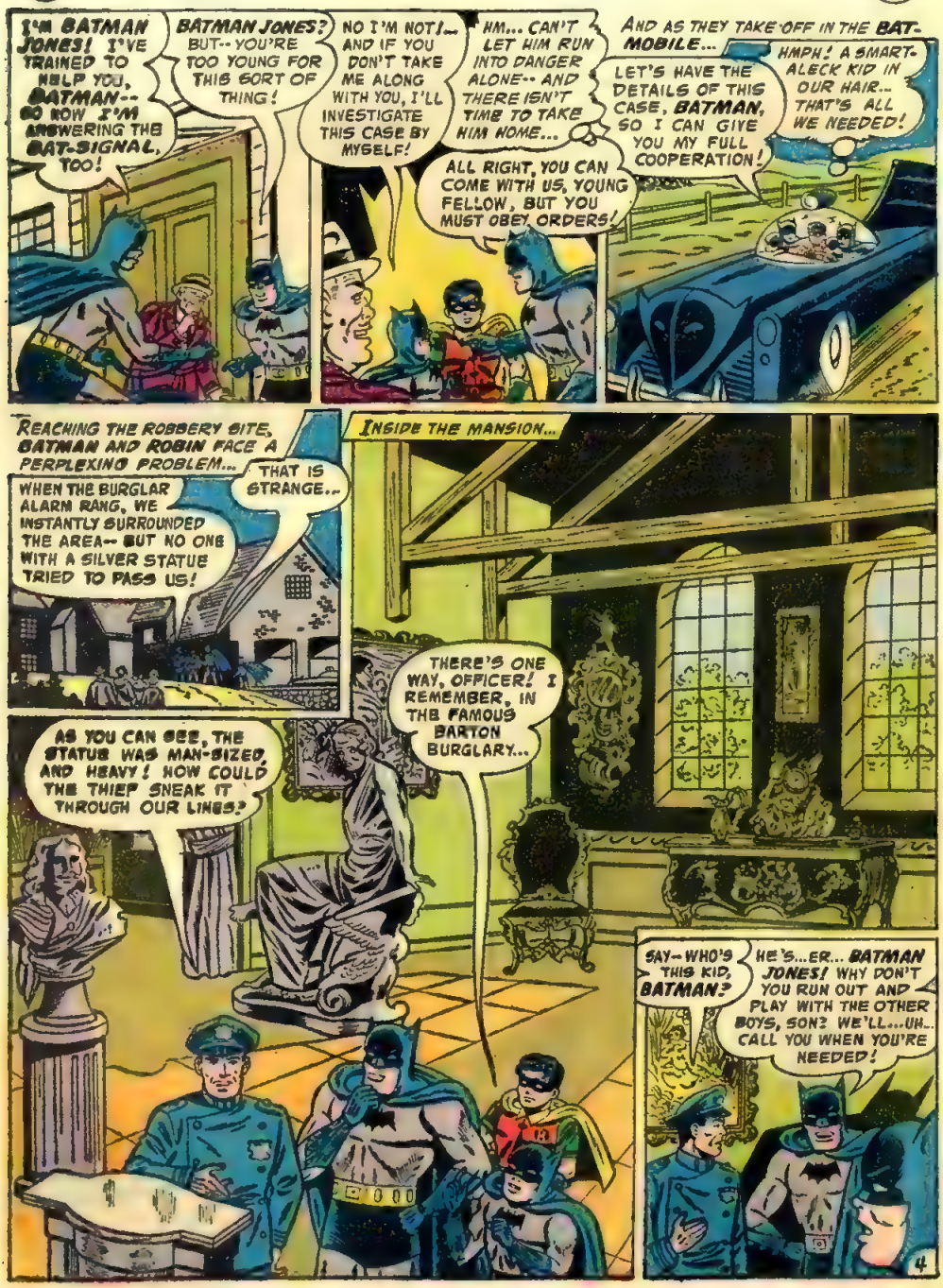
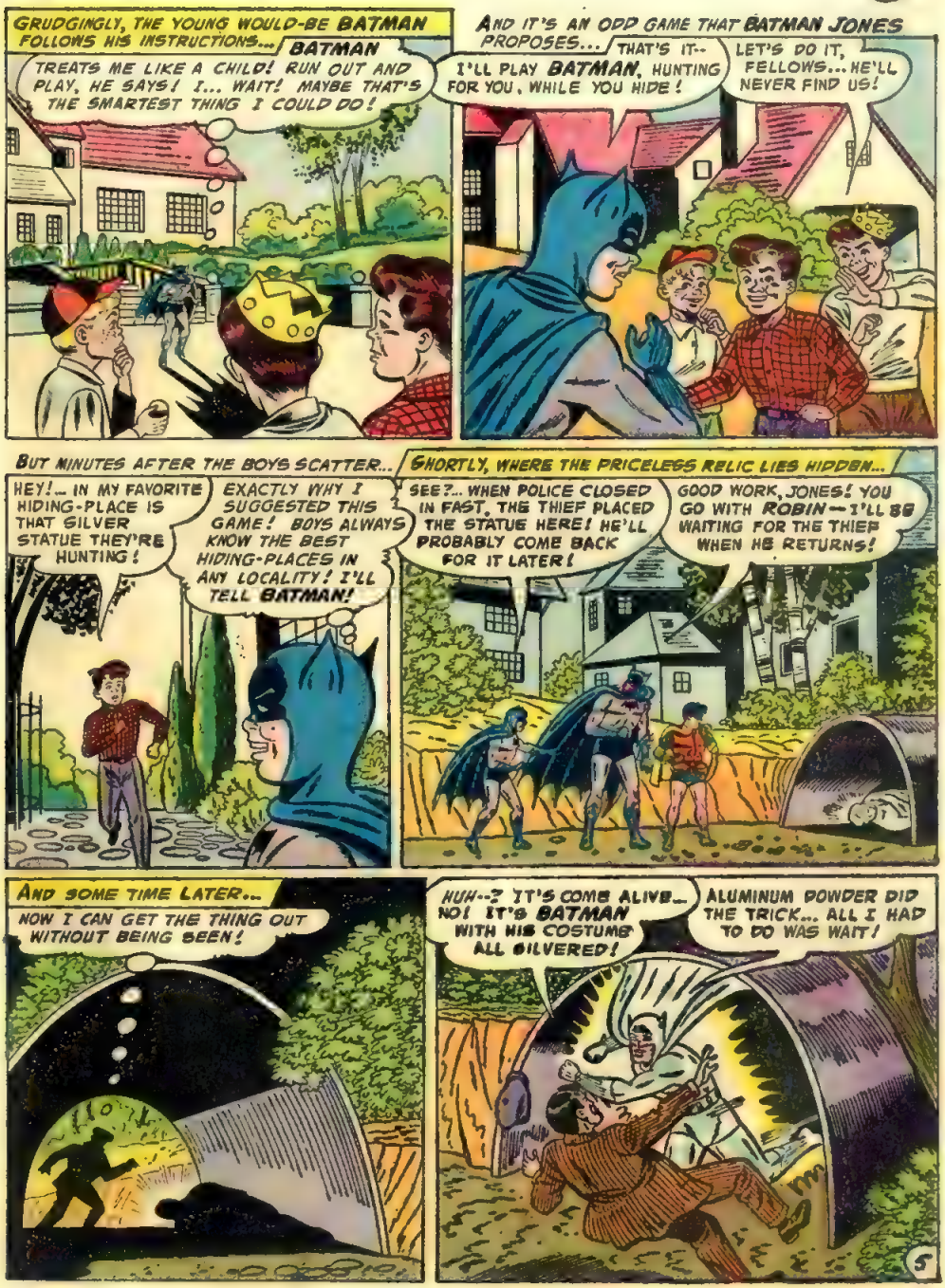
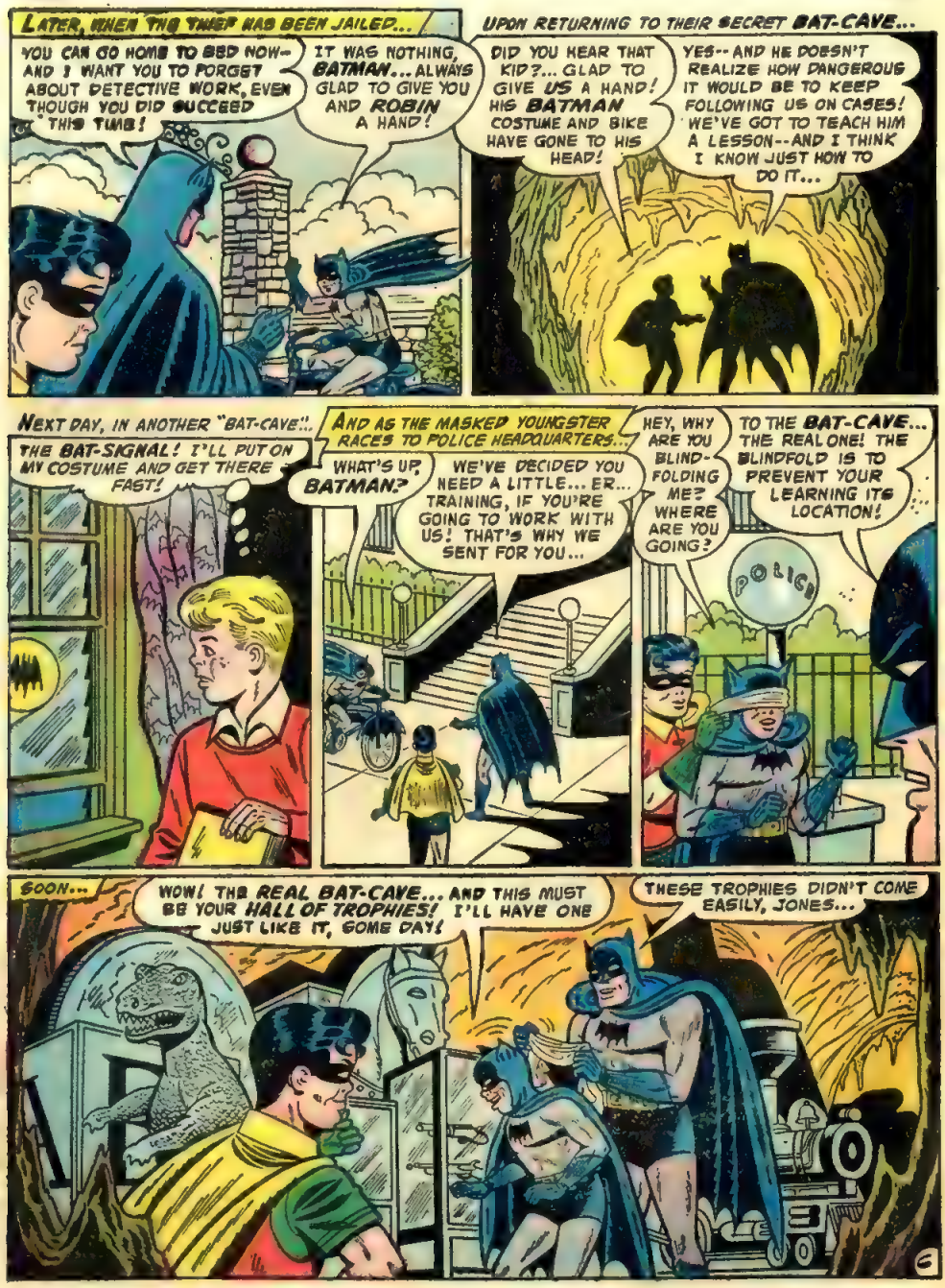

I'M BATMAN JONES! I'VE TRAINED TO HELP YOU, BATMAN-- SO NOW I'M ANSWERING THE BAT-SIGNAL, TOO!
BATMAN JONES? BUT-- YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THIS SORT OF THING!
NO I'M NOT!... AND IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME ALONG WITH YOU, I'LL INVESTIGATE THIS CASE BY MYSELF!
HM... CAN'T LET HIM RUN INTO DANGER ALONE-- AND THERE ISN'T TIME TO TAKE HIM HOME...
ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN COME WITH US, YOUNG FELLOW, BUT YOU MUST OBEY ORDERS!
AND AS THEY TAKE OFF IN THE BAT-MOBILE...
LET'S HAVE THE DETAILS OF THIS CASE, BATMAN, SO I CAN GIVE YOU MY FULL COOPERATION!
HMPH! A SMART-ALECK KID IN OUR HAIR... THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED!
REACHING THE ROBBERY SITE, BATMAN AND ROBIN FACE A PERPLEXING PROBLEM...
WHEN THE BURGLAR ALARM RANG, WE INSTANTLY SURROUNDED THE AREA-- BUT NO ONE WITH A SILVER STATUE TRIED TO PASS US!
THAT IS STRANGE...
INSIDE THE MANSION...
THERE'S ONE WAY, OFFICER! I REMEMBER, IN THE FAMOUS BARTON BURGLARY...
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE STATUE WAS MAN-SIZED, AND HEAVY! HOW COULD THE THIEF SNEAK IT THROUGH OUR LINES?
SAY-- WHO'S THIS KID, BATMAN?
HE'S...ER... BATMAN JONES! WHY DON'T YOU RUN OUT AND PLAY WITH THE OTHER BOYS, SON? WE'LL...UH... CALL YOU WHEN YOU'RE NEEDED!


GRUDGINGLY, THE YOUNG WOULD-BE BATMAN FOLLOWS HIS INSTRUCTIONS...
BATMAN
TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD! RUN OUT AND PLAY, HE SAYS! I... WAIT! MAYBE THAT'S THE SMARTEST THING I COULD DO!
AND IT'S AN ODD GAME THAT BATMAN JONES PROPOSES...
THAT'S IT-- I'LL PLAY BATMAN, HUNTING FOR YOU, WHILE YOU HIDE!
LET'S DO IT, FELLOWS... HE'LL NEVER FIND US!
BUT MINUTES AFTER THE BOYS SCATTER...
HEY!... IN MY FAVORITE HIDING-PLACE IS THAT SILVER STATUE THEY'RE HUNTING!
EXACTLY WHY I SUGGESTED THIS GAME! BOYS ALWAYS KNOW THE BEST HIDING-PLACES IN ANY LOCALITY! I'LL TELL BATMAN!
SHORTLY, WHERE THE PRICELESS RELIC LIES HIDDEN...
SEE?... WHEN POLICE CLOSED IN FAST, THE THIEF PLACED THE STATUE HERE! HE'LL PROBABLY COME BACK FOR IT LATER!
GOOD WORK, JONES! YOU GO WITH ROBIN — I'LL BE WAITING FOR THE THIEF WHEN HE RETURNS!
AND SOME TIME LATER...
NOW I CAN GET THE THING OUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
HUH--? IT'S COME ALIVE... NO! IT'S BATMAN WITH HIS COSTUME ALL SILVERED!
ALUMINUM POWDER DID THE TRICK... ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT!


LATER, WHEN THE THIEF HAS BEEN JAILED...
YOU CAN GO HOME TO BED NOW--AND I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT DETECTIVE WORK, EVEN THOUGH YOU DID SUCCEED THIS TIME!
IT WAS NOTHING, BATMAN... ALWAYS GLAD TO GIVE YOU AND ROBIN A HAND!
UPON RETURNING TO THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...
DID YOU HEAR THAT KID?... GLAD TO GIVE US A HAND! HIS BATMAN COSTUME AND BIKE HAVE GONE TO HIS HEAD!
YES--AND HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW DANGEROUS IT WOULD BE TO KEEP FOLLOWING US ON CASES! WE'VE GOT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON--AND I THINK I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT...
NEXT DAY, IN ANOTHER "BAT-CAVE"...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! I'LL PUT ON MY COSTUME AND GET THERE FAST!
AND AS THE MASKED YOUNGSTER RACES TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT'S UP, BATMAN?
WE'VE DECIDED YOU NEED A LITTLE... ER... TRAINING, IF YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITH US! THAT'S WHY WE SENT FOR YOU...
HEY, WHY ARE YOU BLINDFOLDING ME? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE BAT-CAVE... THE REAL ONE! THE BLINDFOLD IS TO PREVENT YOUR LEARNING ITS LOCATION!
POLICE
SOON...
WOW! THE REAL BAT-CAVE... AND THIS MUST BE YOUR HALL OF TROPHIES! I'LL HAVE ONE JUST LIKE IT, SOME DAY!
THESE TROPHIES DIDN'T COME EASILY, JONES...
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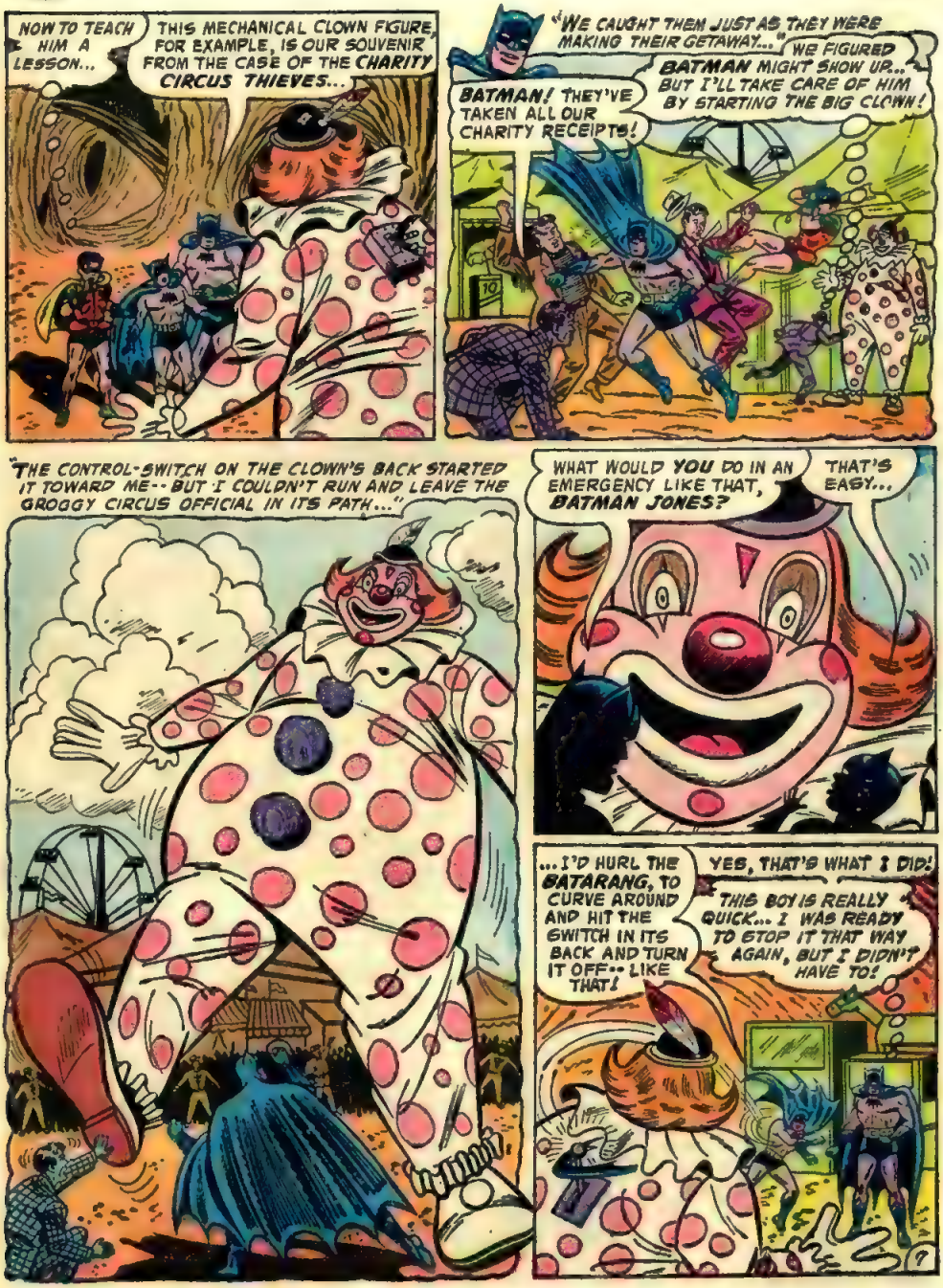
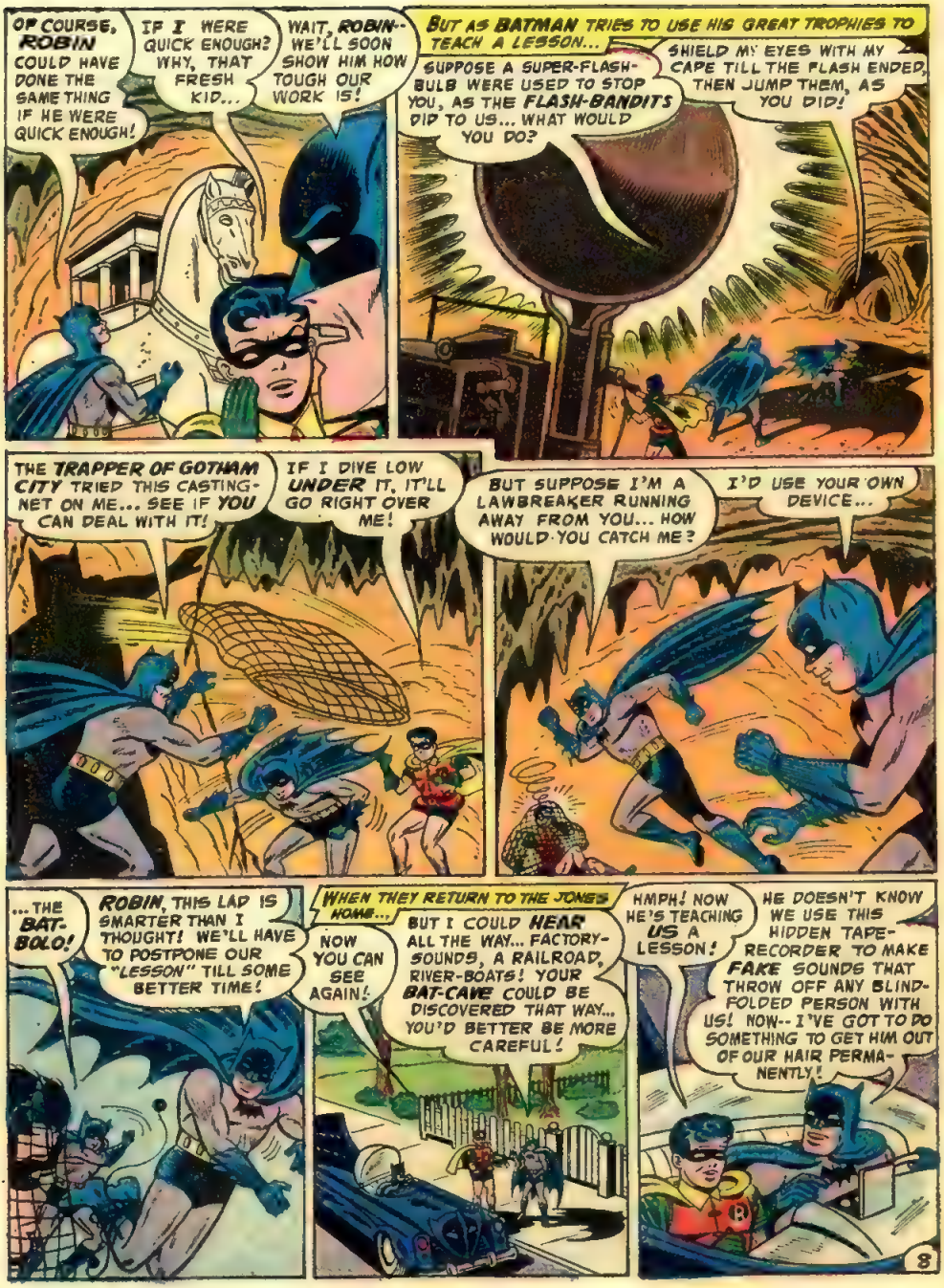
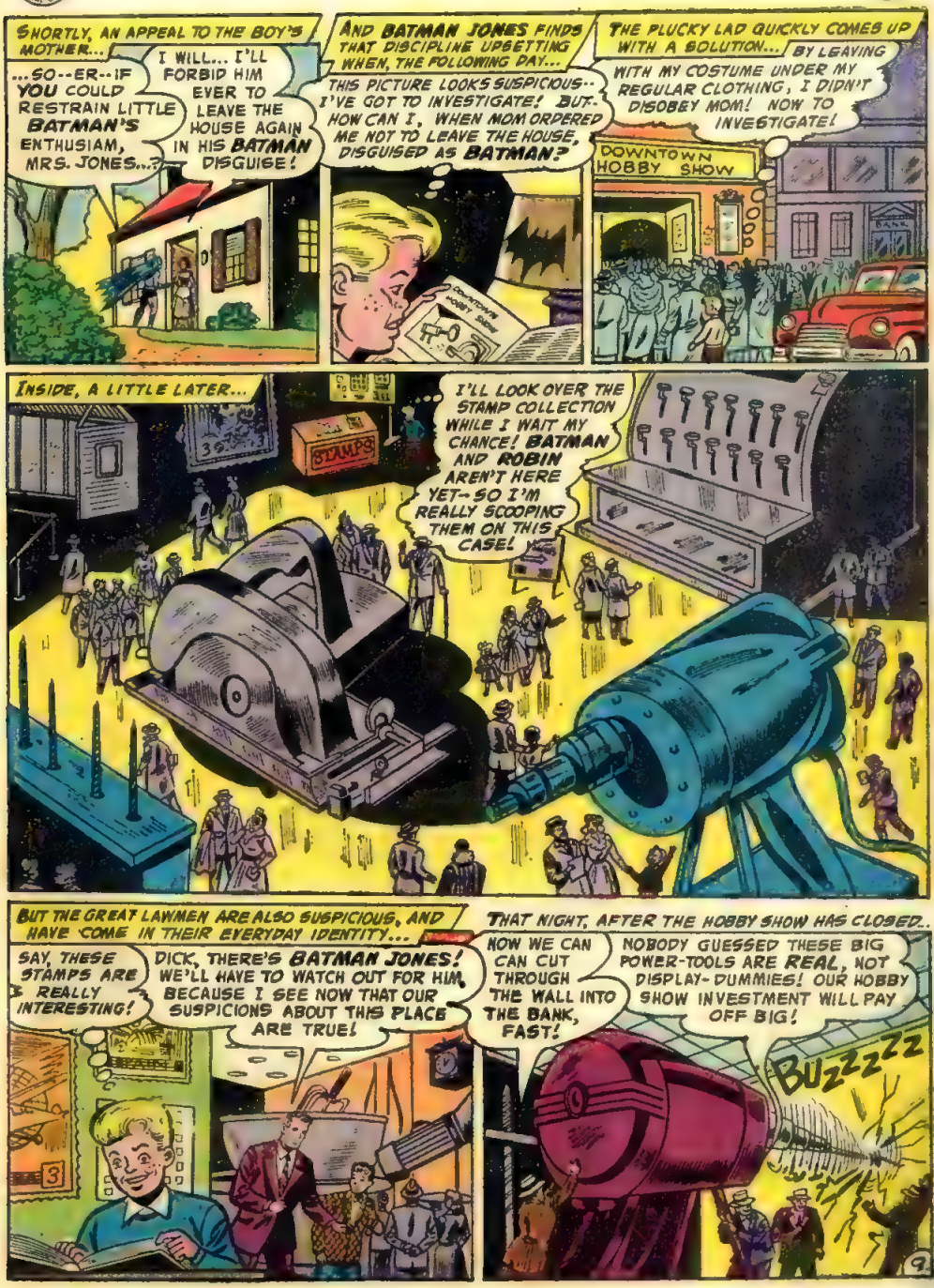
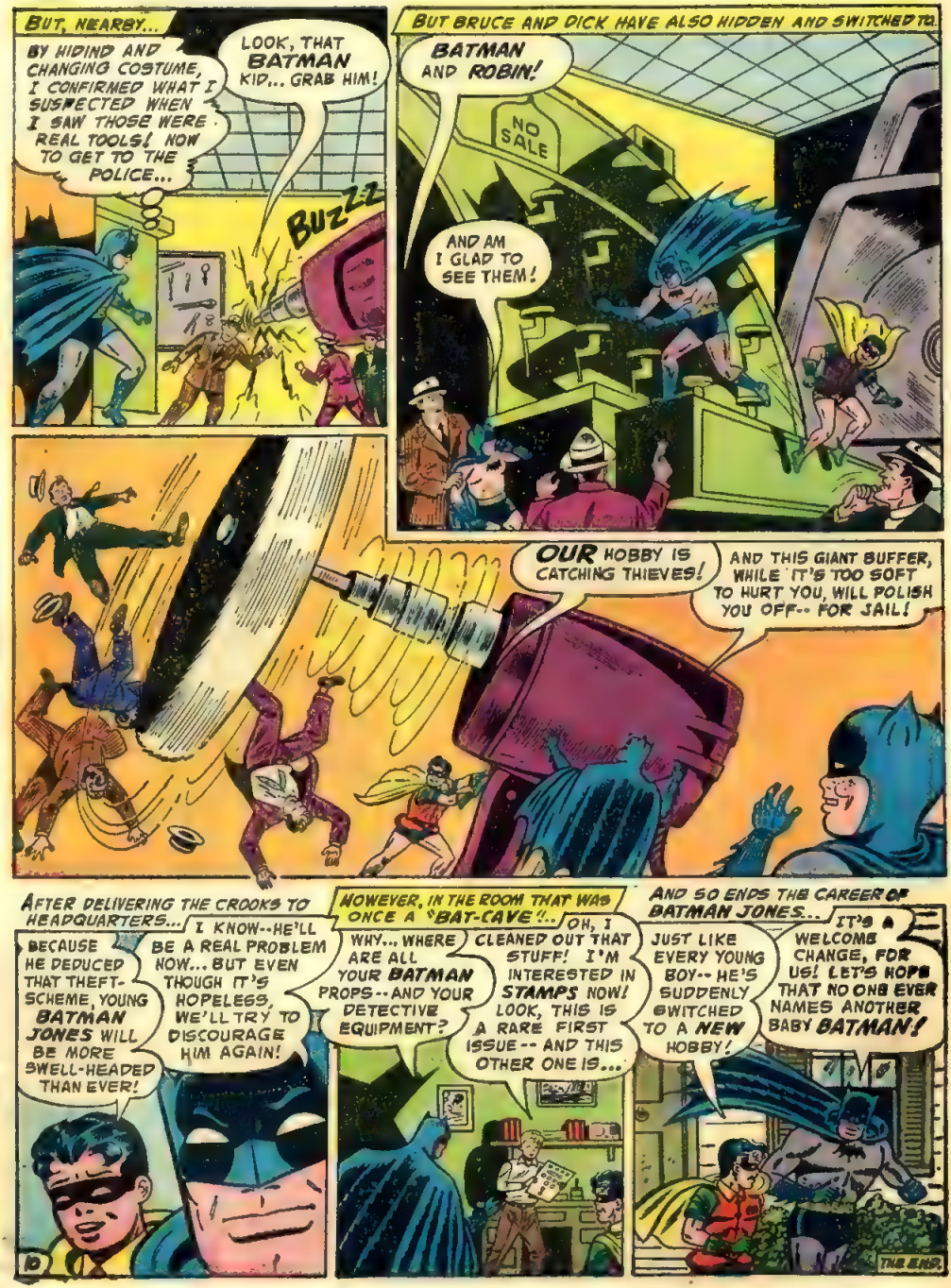

NOW TO TEACH HIM A LESSON...
THIS MECHANICAL CLOWN FIGURE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS OUR SOUVENIR FROM THE CASE OF THE CHARITY CIRCUS THIEVES...
"WE CAUGHT THEM JUST AS THEY WERE MAKING THEIR GETAWAY..."
WE FIGURED BATMAN MIGHT SHOW UP... BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM BY STARTING THE BIG CLOWN!
BATMAN! THEY'VE TAKEN ALL OUR CHARITY RECEIPTS!
"THE CONTROL-SWITCH ON THE CLOWN'S BACK STARTED IT TOWARD ME-- BUT I COULDN'T RUN AND LEAVE THE GROGGY CIRCUS OFFICIAL IN ITS PATH..."
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN AN EMERGENCY LIKE THAT, BATMAN JONES?
THAT'S EASY...
...I'D HURL THE BATARANG, TO CURVE AROUND AND HIT THE SWITCH IN ITS BACK AND TURN IT OFF-- LIKE THAT!
YES, THAT'S WHAT I DID!
THIS BOY IS REALLY QUICK... I WAS READY TO STOP IT THAT WAY AGAIN, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE TO!


OF COURSE, ROBIN COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING IF HE WERE QUICK ENOUGH!
IF I WERE QUICK ENOUGH? WHY, THAT FRESH KID...
WAIT, ROBIN-- WE'LL SOON SHOW HIM HOW TOUGH OUR WORK IS!
BUT AS BATMAN TRIES TO USE HIS GREAT TROPHIES TO TEACH A LESSON...
SUPPOSE A SUPER-FLASH-BULB WERE USED TO STOP YOU, AS THE FLASH-BANDITS DID TO US... WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
SHIELD MY EYES WITH MY CAPE TILL THE FLASH ENDED, THEN JUMP THEM, AS YOU DID!
THE TRAPPER OF GOTHAM CITY TRIED THIS CASTING-NET ON ME... SEE IF YOU CAN DEAL WITH IT!
IF I DIVE LOW UNDER IT, IT'LL GO RIGHT OVER ME!
BUT SUPPOSE I'M A LAWBREAKER RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU... HOW WOULD YOU CATCH ME?
I'D USE YOUR OWN DEVICE...
...THE BAT-BOLO!
ROBIN, THIS LAD IS SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT! WE'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE OUR "LESSON" TILL SOME BETTER TIME!
WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE JONES HOME...
NOW YOU CAN SEE AGAIN!
BUT I COULD HEAR ALL THE WAY... FACTORY-SOUNDS, A RAILROAD, RIVER-BOATS! YOUR BAT-CAVE COULD BE DISCOVERED THAT WAY... YOU'D BETTER BE MORE CAREFUL!
HMPH! NOW HE'S TEACHING US A LESSON!
HE DOESN'T KNOW WE USE THIS HIDDEN TAPE-RECORDER TO MAKE FAKE SOUNDS THAT THROW OFF ANY BLINDFOLDED PERSON WITH US! NOW-- I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO GET HIM OUT OF OUR HAIR PERMANENTLY!


SHORTLY, AN APPEAL TO THE BOY'S MOTHER...
...SO--ER--IF YOU COULD RESTRAIN LITTLE BATMAN'S ENTHUSIAM, MRS. JONES...?
I WILL... I'LL FORBID HIM EVER TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AGAIN IN HIS BATMAN DISGUISE!
AND BATMAN JONES FINDS THAT DISCIPLINE UPSETTING WHEN, THE FOLLOWING DAY...
THIS PICTURE LOOKS SUSPICIOUS-- I'VE GOT TO INVESTIGATE! BUT-- HOW CAN I, WHEN MOM ORDERED ME NOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, DISGUISED AS BATMAN?
THE PLUCKY LAD QUICKLY COMES UP WITH A SOLUTION...
BY LEAVING WITH MY COSTUME UNDER MY REGULAR CLOTHING, I DIDN'T DISOBEY MOM! NOW TO INVESTIGATE!
DOWNTOWN HOBBY SHOW
INSIDE, A LITTLE LATER...
STAMPS
I'LL LOOK OVER THE STAMP COLLECTION WHILE I WAIT MY CHANCE! BATMAN AND ROBIN AREN'T HERE YET--SO I'M REALLY SCOOPING THEM ON THIS CASE!
BUT THE GREAT LAWMEN ARE ALSO SUSPICIOUS, AND HAVE COME IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITY...
SAY, THESE STAMPS ARE REALLY INTERESTING!
DICK, THERE'S BATMAN JONES! WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR HIM, BECAUSE I SEE NOW THAT OUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT THIS PLACE ARE TRUE!
THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE HOBBY SHOW HAS CLOSED..
NOW WE CAN CAN CUT THROUGH THE WALL INTO THE BANK, FAST!
NOBODY GUESSED THESE BIG POWER-TOOLS ARE REAL, NOT DISPLAY-DUMMIES! OUR HOBBY SHOW INVESTMENT WILL PAY OFF BIG!
BUZZZZZ


BUT, NEARBY...
BY HIDING AND CHANGING COSTUME, I CONFIRMED WHAT I SUSPECTED WHEN I SAW THOSE WERE REAL TOOLS! NOW TO GET TO THE POLICE...
LOOK, THAT BATMAN KID... GRAB HIM!
BUZZ-Z-Z
BUT BRUCE AND DICK HAVE ALSO HIDDEN AND SWITCHED TO...
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
NO SALE
AND AM I GLAD TO SEE THEM!
OUR HOBBY IS CATCHING THIEVES!
AND THIS GIANT BUFFER, WHILE IT'S TOO SOFT TO HURT YOU, WILL POLISH YOU OFF-- FOR JAIL!
AFTER DELIVERING THE CROOKS TO HEADQUARTERS...
BECAUSE HE DEDUCED THAT THEFT-SCHEME, YOUNG BATMAN JONES WILL BE MORE SWELL-HEADED THAN EVER!
I KNOW--HE'LL BE A REAL PROBLEM NOW... BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S HOPELESS, WE'LL TRY TO DISCOURAGE HIM AGAIN!
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HOWEVER, IN THE ROOM THAT WAS ONCE A "BAT-CAVE"...
WHY... WHERE ARE ALL YOUR BATMAN PROPS--AND YOUR DETECTIVE EQUIPMENT?
OH, I CLEANED OUT THAT STUFF! I'M INTERESTED IN STAMPS NOW! LOOK, THIS IS A RARE FIRST ISSUE -- AND THIS OTHER ONE IS...
AND SO ENDS THE CAREER OF BATMAN JONES...
JUST LIKE EVERY YOUNG BOY--HE'S SUDDENLY SWITCHED TO A NEW HOBBY!
IT'S A WELCOME CHANGE, FOR US! LET'S HOPE THAT NO ONE EVER NAMES ANOTHER BABY BATMAN!
THE END

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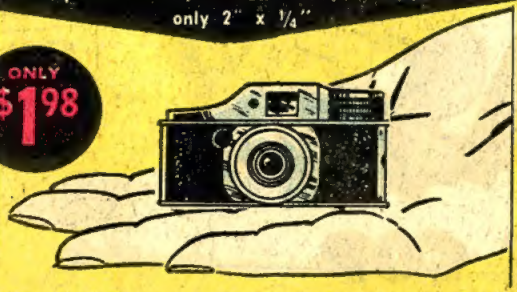

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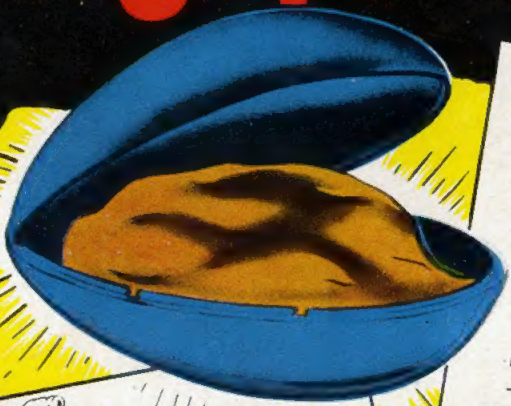

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